

CROWFOOT'S GRAVE.

THE grave of the renowned Blackfoot Chief, Crowfoot, who died about a year ago, is on a high knoll overlooking the Bow River. As you drive up to it you come upon an enclosure of rough logs covering a space ten or twelve feet square, the walls are about six logs high. In the centre of this enclosure, and fully exposed to view, is Crowfoot's coffin. It is a simple box—seven feet long, three feet wide, and three feet high, and is sunk a foot and a half in the ground. The box is covered with black cloth and adorned with brass-headed nails. Over the breast is the name CROWFOOT, in brass nails. At the time the body was placed in the coffin, a mattress was put under it and it was swathed in a number of blankets; his saddle and other treasures were also placed in the coffin. The Chief's favorite horse had been shot over the grave that its spirit might accompany its owner to the happy hunting grounds. From each of the four corners of the enclosure was a string of stones extending a considerable distance down the hill. Probably these strings of stones pointed to the four points of the compass, but this was not accurately noted.

HOW FIVE MEDICINE MEN CURED A BABY.

THIS was on the Piegan Reserve, Alberta, this spring, 1891. It was a little boy about two years old. He had bronchitis, and was very ill, had been doctored for a long time, and no one expected he would recover. I found the child, said Mr. B., lying outside a "sweat lodge" on a pillow. (A sweat lodge, you know, is a little hive-like bower made of bent sticks covered over with skins and blankets; the Indians steam themselves by sprinkling water on hot stones.) The mother was sitting by the child tending it, and squatting inside the sweat lodge were the five medicine men. At the back of the lodge, quite close to it, was a mound of earth, and a stick with a flag made of a red handkerchief with a streamer of white. I heard prayers going on inside the lodge. The medicine men seemed to be addressing the sun—they were praying for the sick child, for its parents, the family, all the tribe; and appeared to be offering a lot of horses for the recovery of the child. After the first prayer, the father received the sacred pipe from the medicine men in the lodge and took it round and laid it on the mound at the back, as though presenting it to the sun. There was a wreath of tobacco plant on the top of the lodge. Later on, the father, by direction of the medicine men, brought the flag round to the door of the lodge, where the medicine men could see it. The medicine men kept on praying. Then the father took the flag and stopped at the four points of the compass,