just think of it, an Indian, surpassing the civilized generation of to-day, for it is pretty sure betting to bet on a white man" similarly situated, possessing a better education and promising less, forgetting all about the vow as soon as the danger was. passed.

A very ancient looking squaw, age, anywhere from sixty to a hundred years old, headed the procession; tiaking the part of superintendent in general; assembling those who followed close to the sun lodige. . She produced thigh and arm bone of somegreat medicine man, placing the thigh hone on the ground she directed "Prairie Chicken Old Man" to lay the finger upon this, turning about and mumbling all this time she produced from among many pieces of old clothing the original of all knives made from a barrel hoop and sharp as a razor. Placing this upon the first joint of his little finger she commenced a long prayer to the sun; all this time brandishing the humerus and making many false blows in the direction of the knife, she prolonged the agony as long as possible, and just when no one expected such a thing, not even herself to judge from her half look of astonishinent, down came the armbone and off went the finger. There was no more change in the expression of the Indian's face than there is on the face of a stone wall.

The amputated part was picked up, placed in same pieces of cotton and given to a boy, he following the instructions given, climbs up to the top. of the cenitre pole of the sun lodge and ties it upon the top of the highest branches there, so that it stands above any offering given the sun.
Mrs. Tippytack tarns and spreads a blackish mixture made from herbs over the wound, upon this the crowd breaks up, "Prairie, Chicken Old - Mañ" "slowly walks over to his
tepee, seats himself comfortable, one of his squaws hand him u pipe, from this he takes a few pulls, then passes it around, and while it was passing he related. the explanation already given for his sacrifice.

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## THE WAY TO EUROPE,

TRANSPORTATION is the problem for Canada, says a Montfeal grain dealer in a pamphlet on the sulyject recent y pulibishecl. The cheapening of transportation for farm products from our prairie to the markets of the world is a matter iof prime necessity to our, dopulation, says the President of the International Reciprocity; Associztion. We. who have lived in the No. thiwest long enoughto stady its conflitions know that to us at least this question sur-passes in interest even that of the tariff, although. for pbvious and naitural reasons the litfer is uppermost just at present. What shall it pedtit us though our people be given a reduction of ten, fifflen or twenty percent. of the cistoms duties on articles of necessary consumption, if they are to continue to pay nearly the price of one bushel of whent to get another bushel to market? He the transportation problem which faces as can be solved in such a way as to add ten, eight, or even five cents to the price of that bu shel, the gain to our people will be graater than any thef can hope to obtam through a reduction of the tariff; • It is estimated that hast year the province of Manitinn produce. I, roun illy, $14,000,000$ bushels of wheat. Taking this one product, and leaving, on of our present consideration all others that would be favorably affected in a proportionate degree by such improved means of transportation as we hope to be within

