THE FIENDISH SIOUX.

The Terrible Manner in Which a Stalwart Soldier Was Tortured by Indians.

Captive Physician in the New York Sun.

The chief sent for me and gave me to understand that I might go and talk with the prisoner. At the time I took it as a gracious favor, but later on I saw it was only the first step on the program of torture. They wanted to torture the poor fellow mentally as well as physically. I at once went over to him. He was dust-covered and blood-stained, and evidently half dead of thirst. Before speaking to him I brought him a gourd of water. The vessel held a full quart, and he drained it to the last drop before he looked up.

"My God! You are a white man!" he exclaimed, as he saw my face.

"Yes, but a prisoner, like yourself."

"Oh! you will save me, won't you? These infernal devils are going to torture me!

I promised to interfere for his life, though holding out no hope that I could save it, and then asked:

"What command do you belong to?"

"Gen. Sully's."

"Where is it?"

"I was captured about twenty miles from here, and we broke camp this morning."

"Who was your captain?"

"Capt. Smith."

"What is your name?"

He promptly replied to the query, but I cannot now recall the name; It was like Saulsbury or Slatterly. He had the most direful forebodings of the immediate future and anxiety and ill usage had almost driven him crazy. He was a large, stout man, with black hair and deep black eyes, and had evidently been in the service for years. He might have been termed a game man, but the fear of torture had made a child of him. At his earnest solicitation I went to seek the chief, but before I reached the tent a crowd of warriors seized the prisoner and hurried him to a stake driven in the clear space in the centre of the village.

I saw that I was too late, and started for my lodge, but before I reached it I was seized by two bucks and hurried to the stake and made to sit down on the grass beside a sub-chief. The head chief had a seat a few feet away, and his countenance expressed the great satisfaction he anticipated. The soldier's arms were tied behind him to the stake, while his legs were left free. Such terror and anguish I never saw in a human face before or since. He entreated me—he begged of the chief—he appealed to the Indians to save him. He offered to be a slave—a dog—to join them and fight the whites—to do anything on earth to preserve his life. I was half wild, but dared not even reply to him, while the chief and the spectators mocked him.

At a sign from the chief the torture began. The soldier, as I had neglected to state, was stripped stark naked. The first move was to cut a great slice from his left arm just above the elbow. The piece was held up to view and then thrown to the dogs. The man shrieked and shouted, and tugged at his bonds, but while so doing a slice was cut from the calf of his right leg. Blood flowed so freely that I believed he would be a dead man in five minutes. Then his other arm and leg were sliced, and his calls for mercy were answered by sneers and laughter.

Then, at brief intervals, the prisoner's ears, nose, and chin were cut off, his body cut and slashed, his toes severed from the foot, and brands of fire held against his legs and body that the braves might see him squirm and dance. Even now, fifteen years after, I grow faint at the thought, and I shudder as I recall his groans and shrieks. As I sat there before him I neither turned my eyes away nor fainted. There was a horrible fascination which I could not shake off, and the feeling was strong upon me that I would be the next victim.

The torture continued for a full hour, during which time the man never fainted once, and there was scarcely an instant when he was not pleading and begging for mercy. He was dyed in blood after the first five minutes, and it ran down until the ground was saturated, but it was certainly a whole hour before he gave up. Along toward the last, when he showed signs of fainting, the knives were applied to a fresh part and the firebrands thrust against him, when he would revive. At length he fell forward, almost gone, and a warrior stepped forward and scalped him. This was a signal to about twenty boys in waiting, and they at once rushed in, each one armed with a knife, and cut and slashed and stabbed, until what was left of the poor body resembled a piece of bloody beef.

He Knew.

From the Wall Street News.

A couple of Illinois county officials appeared in a Chicago lawyer's office a few days ago and desired to retain him to come down to their section and assist the prosecuting attorney and board of supervisors in a little matter.

"What is the case?" he asked.

"Well, we voted $22,000 to build an iron bridge. The bridge didn't cost but $14,000, but we can't find where the other $8000 went to."

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From the Halifax, N.S., Herald.

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The Spanish Royal Household.

From a Late Paris Letter.

It is rather odd that Queen Isabella, who bitterly opposed the marriage of her son to his cousin, and who furthered his second alliance with all the strength of her influence, should now be named as the political opponent of her daughter-in-law. But the two royal ladies have never gotten along well together, being wholly uncongenial in tastes as in character. Queen Christina has always expressed, with possibly indiscreet frankness, her dislike to the surroundings of her mother-in-law, and especially to the notorious "Camerilla;" while Queen Isabella looks with scorn on her daughter-in-law's favorite occupations of music and drawing, considering study and the practice of accomplishments as unroyal. The Princess Mercedes is a fine, healthy little girl, whose education and surroundings have been carefully superintended by her mother, under whose judicious training she is likely to become more worthy of the crown of Spain than ever were her father and her grandmother. But will she ever be called upon to wear it? And if she ever does come to the throne, will any amount of virtues and talents enable her to win the hearts of her subjects? For there exists to-day two ex-sovereigns of Spain, the disreputable old dowager Isabella and Prince Amadeo of Italy. Of the former there is but little to speak. She has been a feminine Louis XV., with any number of masculine De Montespans always at her beck and call. Yet to this day she is very popular in the land that experienced her misrule. "She is so Spanish," they say. That is, she was born in Spain, wears a mantilla, drives white mules instead of horses, spells her name with a Y, and adores bull-fighting and toreadors.

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A Great Frenchman's Goat.

Paris Letter to London Truth.

M. Barthelemy St. Hilaire, who is as old as M. Grevy, has lived for years chiefly on milk. He keeps a hornless goat, which gives him nearly three quarts a day. An old woman is hired to take the animal out regularly for a walk and to bring it fresh grass. M. St. Hilaire does not wear a great-coat, however inclement the weather. He walks from Passy to the Senate and Institute, when he has business there, and back; has never ridden in a wheeled vehicle since he was foreign minister; is free from every infirmity of old age, and gets up every morning at 5 o'clock to work at his translation of Aristotle, of which he has yet seven volumes to get through. He thinks that most of the ills to which the rich are subject come of eating and drinking too much and trying to have more than their share of enjoyment.

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From the Boston Budget.

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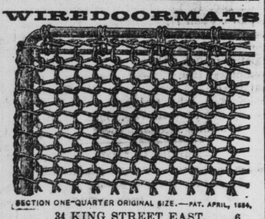

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