

## THE MEDICINE MAN.

Perhaps you did not think that the wild Indians who roam in forest or on prairie and live by fishing and hunting, had such a luxury as doctors. Yes they have and the name they give them is not unlike that which we give ours. We call our doctors "Medical men." They call theirs "Medicine men."

All the wild Indians have great faith in their "Medicine men." When these doctors give medicine it is often roots and herbs, and sometimes other curious mixtures. They do not however place their chief dependence upon their medicines but upon charms and magic.

When one gets sick and sends for the doctor, that gentleman comes dressed up in a funny sort of way. Sometimes he is dressed in the skin of a bear and wears a mask, and about his neck the queerest sort of necklace, made of strings upon which are strung the skins of bats and snakes, and the horns and hoofs and tails of all sorts of animals.

Then he dances around the patient, rattling his charms and jumping and growling like a bear. He thinks in this way to drive off the evil spirit :

How wretched these poor people are, to have to depend upon such help in time of sickness. Such things can do them no good and yet it is just a picture of their spiritual state. When sick with sin they have none to tell them of healing until the missionary comes to them and tells them of Jesus "the great Physician."



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And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

But when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plentious, but the laborers are few ;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart ; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.