

a hundred and twenty yards of one, but could get no nearer from the nature of the ground. However, I took a steady aim, and was fortunate enough to hit; but the antelope went off on three legs, and, after a tiresome pursuit, I found that they were still fleetier than my two. So I thought I would try another fashion, and, selecting a commanding situation on a high knoll, sat down to watch him from a distance. This plan succeeded; for as soon as he saw that he was unpursued, he slackened his pace, and, after going about half a mile, lay down. I could distinctly observe all his movements with my telescope. Having carefully noted the ground near him, to assist me in creeping up, and allowed time for the wound to become stiff, I again went after him; and, having succeeded in getting unobserved within fifty or sixty yards, another shot terminated the chase.

The rest of the party now came up, and the dissection of the little deer did not occupy much time. We carried him off to the banks of the creek; and while the feast was preparing, I determined to enjoy the luxury of a bath and a change of clothes, the latter having been a very rare metamorphosis of late, and the suit which I wore being full of the filthy Pawnee *body-guard*, which still clung to all our clothes and buffalo robes.

I was surprised to find the water of this stream so extremely salt; notwithstanding which our horses drank it with such avidity that we were afraid of