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THE INDIAN QUESTION.

IT is a theory which has attained to the dignity of being an argument with a great many people that the Indians are dying off, that for the red man the sun is setting as it has already set for his neighbor the buffalo, and that Father Time with his scythe is working out a not very slow solution of the Indian question. This theory is not borne out by the facts of the case. These facts, as far as they have reference to the condition of the aborigines in the early part of the country's history, are confessedly incomplete and even the most exact of the figures are only estimates, but, as is shown in a lengthy and exhaustive article published by the *New York Times* two months ago, it is more likely that those figures were exaggerated than that they were underestimated. The article concludes with the inference as probable that there are more Indians in the United States now than there were a hundred years ago. It is found that in their wildest state and in their civilized condition the race increases. It is while they are in the transition stage that, with changing personal habits and means of gaining a livelihood,