

## SOUTHLAND'S WINTER.

Ev'ry morn and eve is misty Till the market tower stands ooking like a far cathedral Wrought with unseen fairy hands. And the city's like a picture Woven on a dreamland loom, And the air is heavy weighted

With a faint and sweet perfum, And the mist is warm and coaxing

As a soft kiss on the mouth, And the roses still are blooming When it's winter in the South.

And the bayous seem to slumber Where the cypress trees are tall; And the mockbird croons an anthem, Like the shadow of a call From an angel choir to listen, And enough leaves eddy down

Just to make a bronze-hued carpet In the by-ways of the town; And the red rose gleams all winter Through the perfume-laden mist, Like the lips your own lips yearn for, Red, red lips your own have kissed.

There are morning glory blossoms And the four-o'clocks unclose, And long pearl-robed webs are streaming From the bush where flames the rose; And the grass shines misty through

All the whiteness of the morning Like a green world dipped in dew. And the red and vellow roses When it's winter in the Southland Life's a sweet and perfumed dream.

—J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

## GUILEFUL & & A PEPPAJEE JIM.

How the Indian Won the Red Top Boots.

BY BERTHA MUZZY BOWER.

DEPPAJEE JIM drew his gay, scarlet and yellow blanket closer about his athletic person and stepped from the glare of yellow sunlight into the cool shade of the catalpa tree by the gate. His black eyes roved restlessly over the silent yard. Keno rose, stretched himself lazily and wagged a languid greeting. Generally speaking, Keno hated Indians even worse than he did the gaunt, gray coyotes which sneaked through the sage-brush back of the chicken yard; but he and Peppajee were old friends.

Peppajee stooped and rested a grimy hand upon the sleek, black head of

"Yo' Keno, wano dog. Heap wano!" It was the highest praise known to his tribe. Their scale of approbation is simple. It is this: wano, good; heap wano, very good, indeed. On the other hand, ka wano is bad, while heap ka wano is the worst possible. A more elaborate classification of one's good or bad qualities they consider super-

Peppajee ascended and stood upon the porch. Finding the door openfor the day was hot-he advanced and stood in the doorway, darkening the room with his six-foot stature.

"Huh. Where yo' ketchum, Will?" Will looked up from the new boots he was admiring. Their high, slender heels and shiny, red tops seemed to him the acme of perfection.

"Hello, Peppajee. Come on in. You

like 'em boots? Wano?" . Peppajee came closer, eying the boots covetously the while. He ran a long forefinger critically over the red tops. The leather was soft and pleasing to the touch-distracting to the eye. His blanket slipped unheeded from one shoulder and trailed upon the carpet.

"Huh. Mebbyso wano, mebbyso ka wano," he replied, guardedly. "Mebbyso holes come heap quick. Mebbyso hurt feet—ouch!" His bronzed features mimicked the agony of uncomfortable foot-gear, while his gaze lingered upon the red tops. "Red," he admitted, reluctantly, "him heap wano Where yo' ketchum?"

"Oh, I ketchum heap long way off-San Francisco. I pay \$8, so." Will held up a corresponding number of fingers. "No hurt feet-wano. No holes come, mebbyso one year." Will. when conversing with the Indians who came often to the ranch, adopted, as far as possible, their mode of speech.

Peppajee seated himself gingerly upon the edge of a chair, his blanket wrapped jealously around him. He would have preferred to squat comfortably upon the floor but for the fact that he prided himself upon his whiteman ways. His beady eyes returned hungrily to the boots.

"Huh. Holes come, bimeby, yo gimme red?"

"Yes, I'll give you red when holes

come. It'll be a long time, thoughmebbyso one year."

Peppajee grunted and relapsed into stolid silence. Secretly, Will wondered what had brought the fellow to the ranch. Two years ago he had been a frequent visitor, until Will, who was more facetious and less discreet, had go with you," he explained. "We see concocted a horrible mixture of cold how he go." tea, red pepper, salts, vinegar and ipecac and presented Peppajee with a farther. Mohawk gathered his feet generous flask. It was April Fool's under him and sprang straight into day, but Peppajee knew nothing of the air, then dashed off down the trail, the significance of the season. All the boys following. days were alike to him. He carried the flask joyfully home to his wickiup, and if he found the "wano whisk" below the standard, he made no complaint. The only sign of displeasure had been a sudden break in his visits. Until to-day he had not deigned so much as a glance in Will's direction, so that his friendliness now was rather puzzling.

"Yo' eat dinner plenty quick, mebbyso?" asked Peppajee, instructingly, might have spoiled the trade. How- already received a larger salary than as certain savory odors floated out to his nostrils from the kitchen.

such guests.

"Come out on the porch, Peppajee. We smoke." Peppajee rose, gave his blanket a

hitch, and followed his host. "Where fadder? Where boys?" he asked, politely, as they seated them-

"They went for horses. They come back soon."

Peppajee smoked in luxurious silence for a time, then began, suddenly: "Me got heap wano pony. Me trade him yo'. Him wano-heap wano. Him go fas'-lak dat." He drew a hand rapidly through the air. "Him no buck, him no keeck, him go all places same. Mebbyso rocks-lava bed-him go s-l-o-w-him no fall. Mebbyso wano road, him go, go, all same deer. Mebbyso heap dark-no moon, no starhim no los', him go all time home. Mebbyso ride all day, no stop for eat,

wano pony. Yo' trade?" Will applied a match to his newlyrolled cigarette and puffed vigorously. He knew something of the way of the red man; he is full of guile as when he rode rampant the plains, seeking whom he might devour-that is to say,

for drink, him go all time fas'. Heap

"What for you trade wano pony?" he demanded, suspiciously. "What for vou no keep him?'

Peppajee shifted his position uneasily; his eyes narrowed. "Vinie, she ride all the time. Vinie heap lazy. I lick. She no care, she ride all time same. Vinie no stay wickiup-no cook -no make moccasin for sell. Mebbyso me keel deer, me come home, Vinle gone. Me haf skin deer-haf cook. Ninie come back bimeby, me lick. No good. She go nex' day all same." He paused, dramatically, then continued.
"Me trade pony. Me git noder pony, mebbyso me make buck a little. Vinie she see, she no ride-Vinie heap 'fraid. No walk-heap lazy. Vinie stay home, cook deer, make moccasins for sellme no lick. Wano."

The explanation was logical and convincing. Will, more trustful then than he is at present, smothered any lingering doubt, and inclined his ear to Peppajee's specious reasoning.

"All right. We eat; then I go look at pony. Mebbyso I trade." The eyes of the Indian sparkled. "Yo' got wano pony—mebbyso make buck a little?"

Will nodded. "You saw him out in the corral. Little black pony, wano. You spur him, he buck. You ride him to wickiup, you spur him-heap scare Vinie."

Peppajee looked down at his moccasins. "Huh. Me no got spur."

"Oh, well, there's an old pair in the blacksmith shop I'll give you," said Will, tiring of the "lingo." Peppajee grinned; evidently the prospect pleased him. Still, he clung to his Indian caution.

"Me go look; mebbyso me trade. Mebhyso me want ten dollah, so." He raised both hands, the fingers and thumbs extended, and the negotiations were postponed until after dinner.

"Mebbyso, me ride yo' pony. Wano.

Mebbyso me trade." "All right," said Will, and led the fiery little black from the corral, and held him while Peppajee transferred his saddle. The horse was a beautiful creature to look upon, but lacked stamina for a hard gallop over the rough, surrounding country, so Will considered the trade all in his favor. Peppajee's pony was a plump little pinto, kind-eyed, sure-footed, and

sound. The black threw back his head and eyed his prospective owner askance. Some horses seem to possess a constitutional aversion to our red brethren, and Mohawk was one of these. Peppajee hesitated, one moccasined foot in

the stirrup. "Him no buck heap?" he queried, apprehensively. The belligerent, backward glance of Mohawk filled his Indian soul with misgiving. Peppajee was a victim of civilization. He had allowed most of his accomplishments to grow rusty from disuse while he tarried long at wine-or, to be explicit. cheap whisky. He no longer rode a la Centaur. I doubt if he could even properly scalp an enemy; I am inclined to think he would have botched the job disgracefully. Will hastened to reassure him.

"He never bucks with me, unless I spur him," he said. "I don't know," he added conservatively, "how he'll act with you. He never had an Injun on top of him. He don't seem to take to the idea."

"Huh," grunted Peppajee, stung by the distasteful epithet. He mounted, and settled himself and his blanket firmly in the saddle. "Yo' let go him head. Mebbyso, Injun ride fo' yo' bawn!'

Ned and Dick, who were watching the trade, sprang upon their horses, expectantly. Will turned loose the black and swung into the saddle. "We

"Huh," said Peppajee, but got no

The scarlet blanket loosened and streamed out behind, like the danger signal it was. Peppajee turned in the saddle to readjust it, and inadvertently drove a spur deep into the flank of Mohawk. He winced perceptibly, lowered his head between his knees and bucked off the trail and into the sagebrush. Will had neglected to warn Peppajee that Mohawk had a disagreeable habit of bucking backward-it ever, Peppajee was not long discover- did the Minister of War in Montenegro, ing this peculiarity. Backward went her native country.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"Yes. You stay, eat dinner with us." | Mohawk, mearer and nearer to a deep | THE TRI-STATE CONVENTION. Peppajee nodded acceptance of the wash-out where a placer claim had invitation, and Will produced a box of once been located. Will, comprehendvillainous cigars, bought from a ped- ing the danger, shouted, warningly. dler and kept for the delectation of Peppajee, clinging tightly to the saddlehorn, looked behind him and shouted also.

"Mebbyso, yo' rope-heap quick!" Will unfastened his rope, galloping closer the while. The noose circled overhead, and Mohawk backed from its threatening swirl. Now he was on the brink. Twenty feet straight down -Peppajee leaned forward, panicstricken.

Swish-sh! Will's faithful Gypsy braced herself for the strain. Mohawk dodged-too late. The noose settled relentlessly over his shoulders.

"Darn it all, look at that blamed Injun! He might have had sense enough to dodge that rope!"

Peppajee lay prone upon the neck of Mohawk, held fast by the pitiless rope which gripped horse and rider alike. Will turned Gypsy's head and drew the maddened black-and his thrice-maddened burden-back to comparative safety.

"Throw your rope, Dick!" cric1 Will. "Catch him by a foot and throw him. I'm breaking that blamed Injun's neck."

Dick obeyed. Another loop circled overhead; another rope swished through the sultry air. Mohawk struggled fiercely; then fell heavily in the

loose sand. Peppajee, freed from bondage, rose stiffly to his feet, assisted by Will. "Huh!" he snorted, in a tone of

deepest disgust, gathering his blanket about his outraged person. Will sat suddenly down in the hot sand, and covered his face with his gloved fingers. His whole body shook with what may have been sobs, but which bore suspicious resemblance to violent, uncontrollable mirth. Peppajee evidently so interpreted the emotion. He stood up, straight and tall, one trembling, sinewy arm outstretched accusingly, and regarded him wrathfully. "Huh. Yo' heap laugh now. Bime-

by yo' no laugh-mebbyso yo' heap cry. Yo' tink for keel me. Yo' do dat for mean! Me go for town; me tell sheriff-man yo' try for keel me. Him come, take yo'. Me go co't, me tell yo' try for keel me. Me putum in jail, one-two-t'ree year! Yo' bet yo' life! Mebbyso yo' quit laugh. Me no trade. Me no want cayuse! Huh." Turning majestically upon his heel, he scowled vindictively at the black and stalked haughtily-albeit with a limp -through the sage-brush and up the hill, not once turning his head to look back.

"He's so mad he forgot his pony and saddle!" said Will, when he recovered, and stood up. "I'll go after him and tell him I'm sorry. Poor old heathen, he did have a hard deal that time. I'll offer him my new boots that he had his eye on; that'll ease his temper, maybe.'

Peppajee made no sign as Will clattered up behind him.

"Hold on, Jim. Come on back." There was no answer, though the face of the Indian lost an atom of its sternness. It was balm to his soul to be called Jim. Will went on, conciliatingly: "Come on back. I heap sorry. Mebbyso you trade; I give you boots." "Huh." Peppajee relaxed sufficiently to grunt sarcastically. "Mebbyso holes come heap quick."

"No, no; heap wano boots." trade; I give you boots."

Peppajee stood still and considered. When he spoke it was as an emperor commanding his vassal.

"Yo' gimme boots, yo' gimme ten dollah, me trade. Yo' no trade, me go tell sheriff-man. Me ride cayuse, me no spur. Him buck, mebbyso me break yo' back!" Thus the ultimatum was pronounced, and Will consented, reluctantly, to the terms.

A week later a travel-worn old Indian, who disclaimed any knowledge of the white man's language, skulked into the shadow of the catalpa-tree, and was immediately set upon by Keno, who would have done serious damage to the dirty gray blanket had not Will appeared opportunely and

All Kinds of Farmers Assemble at Farg at the Fifth Annual Meeting .-- Very

The Tri-State Grain and Stock Growers' Association met in Fargo last week in annual convention. The association was organized five years ago on a suggestion of Budd Reeve who interested Mayor Johnson, of Fargo, in the movement. The annual meetings have always been largely attended.

This year a new feature of the convention was an exchange by which the visiting delegates might swap grain and stock. A room was provided for grain samples and stock transfers were made by photographs and pedigrees. The plan was suggested for the improvements necessary in herds and better seed selection in all kinds of grain.

Incidental to this convention the North Dakota and Northern Minnesota Poultry Association was in session and the exhibits were the largest ever entered. Judge Holden, the Minnesota Expert, passed judgment on the birds. The North Dakota Dairymen's Association also met during the convention. It had charge of the tri-state program one afternoon in addition to its independent meetings. There were butter judging contests presided over by officials of the national department of agriculture at Washington. Prominent speakers from all over the Northwest and several department men from Washington were present to address the convention.

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The attendance at the second day's Tri-State Grain and Stock Growers' convention was large and enthusiastic enough to please the most ardent promoter of the association.

The papers read in the forencon were by T. A. Hoverstad of Crookston, M. A. Carleton, cerealist of the department of agriculture at Washington, and E. S. Delancy of Valley City. In the aftermoon Prof. Thomas Shaw of Minnesota, N. S. French of Berlin, N. D.; State Dairy Commissioner McConnell of Minnesota, and State Dairy Commissioner Kaufman of North Dakota were the speakers.

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A committee was appointed to report on Senator McCumber's national grain inspection bill, composed of D. L. Wellman. Frazee, Minn.; E. D. Childs, Crookston, Minn., and P. J. Rance, Webster, N. D.

At the night session of the convention the North Dakota Agricultural College Cadet band gave a concert, after which Theo. M. Knappen of Minneapolis spoke on the effects of reciprocity with Canada. He was followed by Hon. G. S. Barnes of Fargo.

In the butter exhibit R. F. Flint of New Salem won the excellent score of 95½. Fred Kraus was a close second with only a quarter of a point less. Of the nineteen exhibits seven went 33 and better. The scoring was done by W. D. Collyer, United States dairy inspector, of Washington.

Without awaiting the probable action of Gov. White in requesting Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture to take charge of the ranges in the western part of the state to eradicate the cattle scab, the North Dakota Live Stock Association has made an appeal direct to the secretary.

The association had the program at this session of the Tri-State convention and strong resolutions were adopted urging immediate action by the secretary and petitioning Gov. White to request it officially.

The afternoon program of the third day consisted of addresses by Delancy of Valley City and Hoverstad of Crookston, on the horse; demonstration by Professors Sheppard and Worst, on animals, and S. F. Crabbe on fowls.

Before the regular hour of assembling those interested in macaroni wheat came together, and, after several addresses, which included one by M. A. Carleton, the cerealist of the department of agriculture in Washington, it was decided to organize the North Dakota Macaroni Wheat Growers' Association. One hundred members were immediately enrolled, and this number will be increased before the close of the convention. T. N. Oium of Lisbon was elected pr

stitution and by-laws were adopted with alight alterations and the organization already has about 200 members.

The dairymen and buttermakers got together and elected officers as follows: President, Fred Leutz of Hebron; vice president, John Powers, Havana; treasurer, H. U. Thomas, Oberon; secretary, E. E. Kaufman, Fargo. Resolutions thanked Secretary Wilson for sending W. D. Collyer, United States dairy expert here to judge the butter exhibits, and also commending him and J. W. Yerkes, internal revenue commissioner, for their fearless enforcemen. of laws relating to the sale of imitation dairy products and Secretary C. Y. Knight of the National Dairymen's union for his championship of pure dairy products in the United States.

The North Dakota Poultry association held its business session, after all the exhibits had been scored by Judge Holden. The new officers are: President, S. F. Crabbe, Fargo; vice president, R. Kingman, Hillsboro; secretary and treasurer, L. D. Canniff, Fargo; superintendent, D. V. Moug, Mapleton.

The last day of the tri-state grain and stock growers' convention was the most interesting, not only from point of attendance, but from enthusiasm shown in the proceedings.

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keno, who would have done serious damage to the dirty gray blanket had not Will appeared opportunely and called him back. The Indian, after scanning the young man's countenance sharply, handed him a soiled fold of cheap letter-paper, and skulked back into the sage-brush whence had come. Some ex-student of one of the mission schools had evidently acted as amanuensis for Peppajee Jim, who dictated the letter. Will read, and his soul was filled with bitterness. Yo', Will Boiter, yo' say heap wano whisky, Me take whisky home, me drink, drink, whisky alt gone. Heap ka wano! Me heap sick—me tink all time mebbyso me die. Me mad, all same lak for keel yo'. Me no keel, Me watt one, two year: me bring trade. Porp him not my poo signime bloots, yo' gimme bloots, yo' gimme bloots, yo' gimme bloots, yo' gimme the dollah; yo' gy more take him pony. Yo' try for kery, yo' got nortica. Wano: Israe way-yo' no can find. Me got heap leng way-yo' no c

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