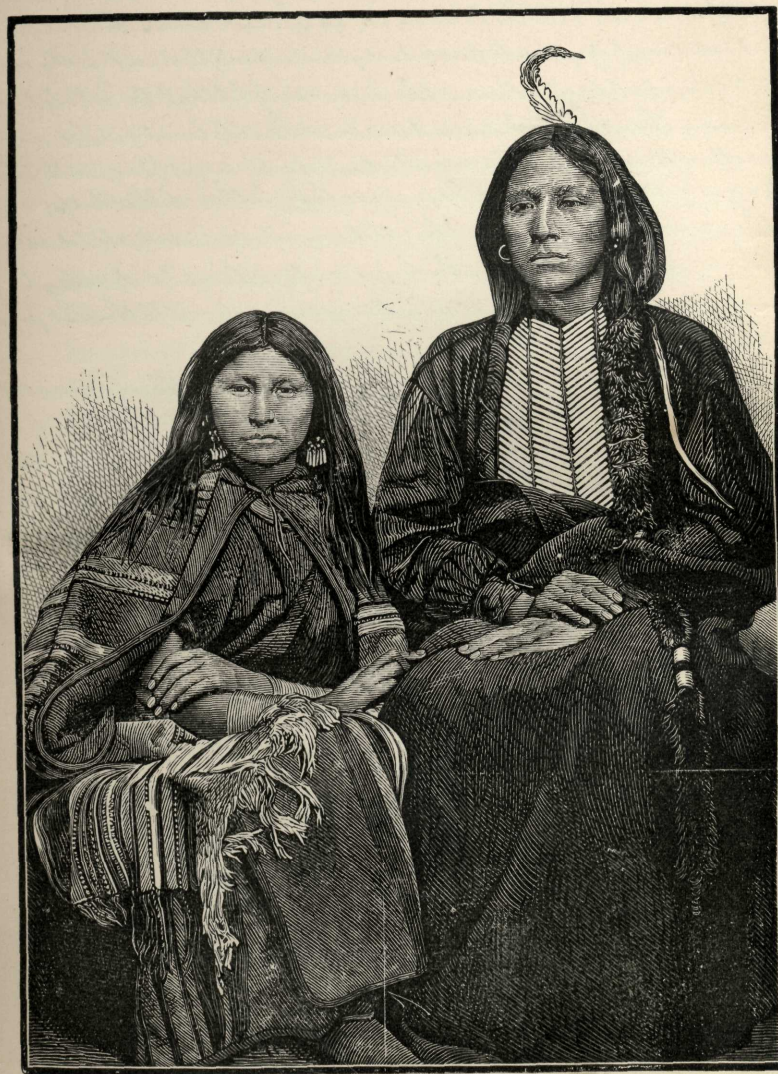


robe, and is more thoroughly worked and scoured by means of a sharp-gritted stone.

The hunting of the buffalo, as practised by these Indians, is a wild and exciting sport, not unattended with danger. This arises from different sources, as the character of the ground on which they run, the training of their horses, and the temper of the animal pursued.

Sometimes the horse, having his eyes fixed on the animal he is running, sets his feet into a hole, and falls; being under full headway, the rider is thrown with great violence upon the ground, often breaking an arm or a leg, in which case, as they know nothing of the art of setting bones, the limb is deformed for life, or never gets well, and the patient, after lingering for months, and suffering excruciating pains, is released by the hand of death. I have seen the bones of the fore-arm shoved down into the hand to the knuckle joint, an ankle turned over so that the foot was bottom upwards, and placed upon one side of the lower ends of the leg bones.

But perhaps the greatest danger to the hunter arises from the temper of the buffalo when wounded. The hunter rides up nearly alongside of the animal, in order that his arrow may pierce his heart, and shoots; the arrow wounds the animal, but not fatally, and he turns upon the horseman before the horse can change his course, and, with a desperate plunge, sometimes overturns both the horse and his rider. The greatest coolness is essential to effect an escape in such cases. The rider has been known, after seeing that the buffalo is



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