

THE CAMP YESTERDAY

A number of people visited Buffalo Bill's camp yesterday. Hearing the noise of the tom-tom and proceeding to the lodge from whence the sound came, it was found that the Indians were going through one of the performances peculiar to their race with the apparent object of curing one of their number who was lying on a blanket inside the tent, suffering from a severe cold, which was seated on his lungs. Before entering the lodge an Indian, evidently the Medicine Man, could be seen dancing in a queer fashion. Beside him were squatted two other Indians, each

BEATING A TOM-TOM

and singing in weird tones. The sight was one of unusual interest. The Indians, notwithstanding their visit to civilized parts and their intercourse with white men, still are superstitious and believe in their being able to drive away the bad spirits whom are supposed to have made the Indian sick.

The lodge in which the Pawnees were was then visited. They were found lying around and enjoying themselves after their own fashion. Some were combing their long black hair, which Buffalo Bill says they comb sometimes three and four times a day, while others were sitting gazing at their

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in small hand looking-glasses. Nearly every Indian has a mirror of his own, and they are very particular as to their head-dress. The Indians in this camp are also very cleanly in their habits; they are said to enjoy a morning bath immensely. Buffalo Bill evidently stands high in the estimation of the Indians, as when he entered the Pawnee camp yesterday they greeted him with "Father". He is known to the Indians of the Wild West as "The -man-with-long-hair," which, of course, in their own language is signified by a word which a white man could hardly pronounce.

A lodge containing Sioux braves with their wives and papooses was the next adjoining. Here were found several Indians on their knees,