

Now as to further suggestions concerning the text for which you ask.

Having read the story so far, including the seventh chapter, the part that begins to make itself more & more noticeable is the curious inappropriateness of the title of the book.

My objections to this title are:

- 1) This term is mentioned in the Handbook of Am. Indians (Bul. 30 Bur. Am. Eth.) as one of the "Popular Fallacies" (see Vol. II under this title) and therefore suggests to the increasing number of those who know something about the real Ind. life, an amateur's misconception of the same.
- 2) It suggests a type of Indian story or stories which is as different from yours as it can possibly be.
- 3) What purpose does the title of a book serve anyway, what is it really for? Do it not pretty universally understood, that the title suggests some feature of the contents of the book or characterizes the book as a whole? But the title of your book does nothing of the sort. Keeping in mind the above function of book titles as mentioned above - and that is what doubtless 999 of every 1000 readers expect of a title, your title is distinctly misleading, since your book deals neither with "Hunting grounds" (as the public would naturally expect when they see the book in the book-stores) nor with "Happiness" - rather the reverse!