

Now there is another thing about these traditions of the Indians; one person is not allowed to repeat them unless there is some other one to help them. They have several different chiefs; camp chiefs, to manage the camps and dog chiefs to take care of the dogs. You know the Indians are very fond of dogs and always have a great many of them. They call these dog chiefs, dog soldiers, and their duty is to attend to all the moving as well as to take care of the dogs. Now you can imagine a company of two or three thousand Indians with no one to lead them.

They are very easily frightened. I remember once a Dr. who was in my school and the Indians would gather in his office and annoy him, so he got so he would do things to frighten them to keep them away. One day he got them to take hold of an electric battery, and they thought that was something awful and would run if he would only put it in the window. One night an Indian came to him and said he wanted to stay all night with him; that his wife and he had had some trouble and she would not let him come home. Well the Dr. said "All right I guess you can." So he went out and brought in a skeleton at the head of the bed all fixed up with phosphorus so that his head looked like it was on fire; then he took the electric battery and put by the side of it, and prepared to go to bed. The Indian says, "Are you going to sleep with that thing in here?" The Dr. told him "yes" and the Indian got up and said he guessed he would go home and see if his wife would let him.

There was a very bad Indian in the camp once, who was always causing trouble and when he heard that I would not let the boys and girls play together in my school, he thought he would come and make me. So one day he came and called to his daughter to come and talk to him, but as he was on the boy's side she told him she could not do it. Well he got mad and came at me with a knife but I finally threw him down and checked him until he promised to be good. I thought he said he would be good, but he said he only meant that the checking was good for him.