

Annie Oakley Woman at Arms.
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The idea of capitalizing the Battle of the Little Big Horn, more familiarly known as the Custer Massacre, through the presence of Sitting Bull, had existed for some time with Cody and Salsbury, but the question of his coming had always been answered with a decided negative on the part of the old warrior. Sitting Bull had no desire to be a member of the ~~white~~ Wild West Company; he felt that the white people looked upon him as an enemy, and, for that matter, ~~Saxan~~ Te Tonka Ua Tocka, which was his true Sioux name, had no especial reason for looking upon the paleface with any heightened degree of affection. Therefore, whenever the question had been broached by agent or emissary, Sitting Bull had refused and allowed that, as far as he was ~~concerned~~ concerned, to end the matter.

However, Cody and Salsbury were insistent and at last, in the summer of 1885, sent another emissary to him with instructions to argue until the medicine man had changed his mind. This was not an easy task, for three days the conversation was entirely one-sided. The agent had

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been selected with care; it was SB's interpreter who had served on the trip East when the warrior had met and adopted Annie Oakley as "Little Sure Shot" and given her as a memento of his affections, the mocassins worn by him during the Battle of the Little Big Horn. These mocassins had been made by the daughter who had died, and Indian fashion, SB could think of no more fitting present.

As has been mentioned, the conversation for three days ~~was~~ had been one-sided: the interpreter told of the great PAHASKA-it was Colonel Cody's Sioux name, meaning "The Long Haired Man,"-and the esteem in which the Indians held Buffalo Bill as a great warrior and a good friend. He had dilated upon the wonderful ~~experience~~ experience of traveling about the country with a Wild West ~~company~~ company, the sights to be seen, the money to be gained. To all of which oratory, Sitting Bull gave no thorough answer. He said, "No."

The matter came to a point of despair. Then the interpreter noticed that whenever a brave of Sitting Bull's command desired something, he got it. The "open sesame" seemed to be to enter Sitting Bull's tent, converse about various topics and then, taking a position before the cabinet photograph of Annie Oakley, given to Sitting

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Bull during the St. Paul meeting, dilate upon the wonders of "Little Sure Shot," and go into a general resume of the incident when Sitting Bull had adopted a daughter to take the place of one he had lost. By the time the process of amelioration was over, the interpreter ~~noticed~~ noticed, SB was in a beaming state of amiability. Then it was that the favor was asked, as quickly granted, and an Indian sent happily on his way. The interpreter decided to try the same method.

He too stood before the photograph. He too sounded the praises of WATANYA GICILIA. Having done this, he asked SB how he would like to see his adopted daughter. The old chieftan changed countenance entirely. That was something very much desired.

"Then come with the Wild West show and you can see her every day," the interpreter said. "Little Sure Shot is with the show. She wants to see you too,"