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"SITTING BULL.

THE GREAT MEDICINE MAN OF THE DACOTAHS

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"Now that the Indian scare is over and that Sitting Bull has been put out of the way -- some say that he was justly executed, and others that he was simply murdered -- it may not be uninteresting for those who have met the dead chief to compare notes and relate their impressions.

"My meeting with Sitting Bull was purely accidental, and I must acknowledge that there was nothing particularly heroic in the appearance of the great medicine man, when I saw him in Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" show in Montreal, Canada, in the summer of 1885. Cody and Saulsbury had just organized their traveling exhibition of Indian and cowboy life on the prairies, and they had succeeded in securing the reputed leader of the Sioux in the Custer massacre as their leading attraction. I say "reputed" leader, because it is now well known that Sitting Bull, although on the ground, was not actually engaged in the fight of the Little Big Horn, and had absolutely nothing to do in bringing it about. The old chief himself has always most emphatically denied any participation in the battle, and Captain Charles King, in his account of the fight recognizes the fact that Rain-in-the-face was the war chief of the Dacotahs who led the Indians in their defense against the gallant but indiscreet charge of the Seventh cavalry. Sitting Bull, nevertheless, became widely known as the man who defeated and exterminated the brave Custer and his followers, and his name, associated with that of Buffalo Bill himself, was sufficient to

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