* It will be seen from what both Finerty and Bourke say of the Rosebud that Grouard had noted thines very accurately, and divined the purpose of the sioux to a nicety as he passed down the "cul de sac" in advance of hill's courgeous battalion. He knwe, bcccuse his six years' esperiance with these same Indians had been a practical lesson to him, that deathawaited the entire command at the lower end of the canyon. One of the great wonders now is why Ceazy Horse, when it was discovered that wills' battalion turned to leave the death trap, did not fall upon and annihilae it. The explanation seems to be found in the words of erazy Hofse himself. He wanted the entire command, and even then had hopes of tetting it. Failing he repeated the tactics then attempted at the Custer battle, and, with the same force he had thrown against Crook, cught the five troops of the Seventh Cavalry (rank and file) to the very last soul. - E UHHOR.)

I had seen all I wanted to see to convince me of what was going on, and when I got back the General was just ready to start down the canyon. In fict, the whole comand had started when I met it. I asked Gen. Crook where they were goinc a He said:
"Down to the village."
"You can"t go through the canyon," I told rim.
He asked why.
I said, "You can't go through. They will kill your whole command if you attempt to go through there."

He could not believe that; lauched quietly about it. I did every-
thing I could to dissuade hi, and the only * way I could peval on him to abandon the undertaking was by telling him there was ao ammunition in the command. The scouts didn't have any, and a ereat many of the companies didn't have any, and when the General gave orders to find out how much fammuntion there was, it didn't average ten cartridges to themana and that was the only thing th $t$ stopped him. In fact, it was the only thing that saved his command, because he mould have made the attempt to ro through the canyon under any other circumstances.

Then Crook made up his mind to do anything, it was generally done. The only way I could convince him not to go was by satisfyins him of there being no ammunition in the command. I had seen all day hov the Indians and troops were firing, and especielly the scouts, so I asked the General to find out the amount of amunition ach company had. He found he would have to wait until he fot more ammunition from the wapons before taking the offensive. We vent into camp at the lower end of the battlefield, As far as the fight was concerned, I don't think that either side could claim a complete victory, although the troons held the round. The Indians had tried to lead the troops down throurh the canyon where they had fortified on each sije;ind if the troops had ever gone down through there, there would not have been one of them left to tell the tale, for the Indians were fixed in such a way that they conld have cross-fired them without getting hurt themselves, or could even have rolled rocks down in amongst them and crushed them. *

Seeing this while Iwas pois down through the canyon is the reason I tried so hard to stor the command from goine throgh. To sum up the whole battle, there were twenty-eicht soldiers killed and fi ty-six wounded. One of the Indian scouts was killed and three of them wounded. On the Indian side there were thirteen of them killed, that I know of, and I could not tell the number that were wounded, but there were a good many

