Camels on American Deserts

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trouble was, William would return to camp with his handout, and then a half dozen or more, one by one, during the forenoon would come for his portion.

A WEDDING AND WEDDING PRESENT

During their stay in this camp of about a year and a half, there was a wedding. Eagle Feather and White Swan were to be married. He went to Afton, Iowa to get a present for his bride, and on his way home met father, and confidently showed him the present which was a beautiful red silk handkerchief. This gift to his bride meant to him the same as the ring to us.

There also, was a death, during their stay, a young lad. They buried him with all his earthly possessions, not forgetting his dog.

One day two braves came to father and wanted to trade a long woolen scarf for two bushels of corn. They spread their blankets on the ground, father measured out the two bushels of corn, putting one bushel in each blanket. One Indian a sort of “Doubting Thomas” fellow, counted the ears in each blanket and found his was shy a couple of ears, forgetting the ears varied in size, so father gave him the extra ears.

During the one and a half years they were our neighbors we never heard of them stealing or pilfering. Johnny Green’s motto was “Honesty.” He was a grand old chief, and we their pioneer friends, enjoyed their sojourn amongst us.

CAMELS ON AMERICAN DESERTS

Fourteen camels from Texas are to be placed in the Central park in New York. Most of these camels were imported by the war department to work in the transportation of supplies across the deserts of New Mexico.—Iowa Homestead and Horticulturist, March 4, 1868.