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## BUFFALO BILL'S DIVORCE.

### PATHTIC INCIDENTS.

The "Telegraph's" New York correspondent cabled on Wednesday:—Buffalo Bill's petition for a divorce was advanced another stage yesterday, when Mrs. Cody, upon examination by her attorneys at North Platte, Nebraska, reviewed her married life. They were married forty years ago at St. Louis, when she was twenty-two years of age, and both were poor. She undertook work as a sempstress, while her husband drove big teams across the Kansas Plains. Later Colonel Cody became a professional hunter in the buffalo department, wherein he excelled. In 1866 he was appointed a Government scout, and for some years was constantly away on Indian expeditions. Prosperity dawned when her husband obtained a theatrical engagement, afterwards developing into a showman on his own account, and buying property.

Counsel: Do you still love your husband?—With all my heart, for he is the father of my children.—Do you desire a reconciliation?—Yes, I do; but I think he ought to retract the poison accusations.—Did you ever give Colonel Cody dragon's blood to make him love you more and other women less?—I don't even know what dragon's blood is.—Did you ever give the colonel any drug to overpower him or that would in any way injure him?—No, I never did. I frequently gave him teas and medicines when he was ailing, and I presume it was on these occasions that people thought I drugged him.

Mrs. Cody specifically denied having mentioned the names of women to whom her husband was alleged to be attentive. "My husband gave me all of the North Platte property (Mrs. Cody testified), and at time of doing so said, I know you will keep it for us in our old age." She told of the trip when her daughter was buried, and denied she threatened to denounce Colonel Cody over the grave as the murderer of the girl. She admitted sending a telegram to Colonel Cody wherein she said that his action in bringing the divorce suit had broken Arta's heart. The letter was introduced, and provided one of the most pathetic incidents of the trial. It was a letter to her mother, written by the daughter three days before she died. In it she said that the bringing of the divorce suit had broken her heart. Mrs. Cody denied that she had used profane or vulgar language, that she was ever intoxicated, that she had ever chastised her children with a ear-whip. A severe cross-examination failed to shake her testimony.

## BUFFALO BILL'S DIVORCE.

New York, Wednesday.—Buffalo Bill leaves here on Saturday for Paris. He concluded his depositions at Omaha in his petition for a divorce with the declaration that he was opposed to a reconciliation with Mrs. Cody. This declaration was made as the result, Colonel Cody stated, of Mrs. Cody having charged him with being the virtual murderer of their daughter Arta, and announcing publicly that she would denounce him over her grave. Colonel Cody was questioned about the separation between himself and Mrs. Cody in 1877. He said it resulted from an affair at an hotel in Omaha. He had closed his business season, he said, and was paying off the women employes. Mrs. Cody took exception to the manner in which he bid the lady employes good-bye.

20, Waverley Street, Taunton,  
Taunton, Somerset.

4<sup>th</sup> June. 1904.

This Book  
"The State of Wyoming,"  
was  
Presented to me by  
Colonel William Frederick Cody-  
"Buffalo Bill,"  
during an interview which I had  
with him at the time his "Wild  
West Exhibition" was exhibiting  
at the "Boor Grounds," Taunton,  
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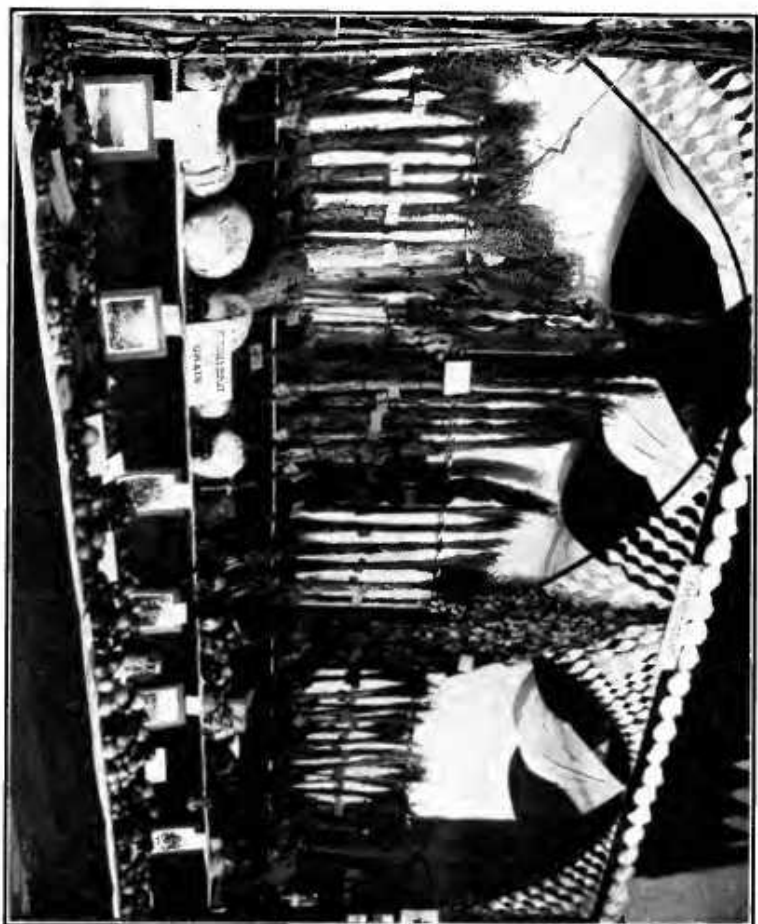
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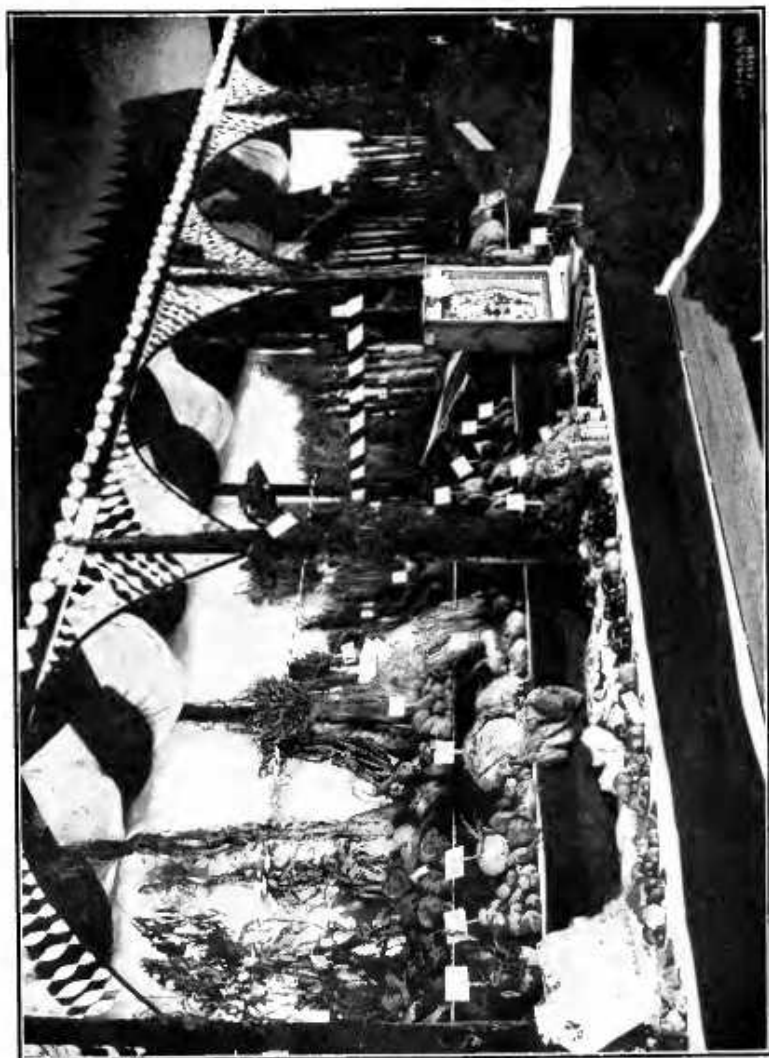
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INDUSTRIAL CONVENTION—BIG HORN COUNTY EXHIBIT.

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