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Sometime after this hearing that a Gentleman who resided 8 miles from my cabin had some cattle to dispose of that would be very likely to suit me I took the first opportunity of paying him a visit on this particular business. I not only found that he had some to sell & finding that he was more moderate in Charges for cattle I soon concluded to strike a bargain with him & eventually purchased a very fine Cow & beautiful heifer calf. It was on a most lovely evening that I brought them home to my cabin with very little trouble & having previously provided a pen to put the calf in while I milked the Cow.

Here I began to feel the difficulty of being alone & although I tried every manoeuvre I was Master of I could not capture for the moment. I was preparing to put the noose around her neck & draw ~~her~~<sup>her</sup> into the Pen but she instantly darted under the Cow who presented a Chivadepuzze of Cow horn which seemed to say stand off or at your peril.

Therefore finding that I was not able to succeed in the undertaking alone & having no one to help me I was obliged although very reluctant to give up the wary task.