

substantials and luxuries, which might well have vied with those found upon the tables of our Eastern hotels.

The irrepressible Elkhorns were seen and heard everywhere, adding life and exhilaration to the scene; and thus an hour or two were passed in social intercourse until the evening's entertainment was announced.

INDIAN WAR-DANCE.

This entertainment consisted of a war-dance, at a short distance from the encampment, executed by a large delegation of Pawnee braves, under the immediate supervision of that celebrated *Indianist*, Professor Taylor, who had most kindly volunteered his valuable services for the occasion; and of all the wild and hideous yells, grotesque shapes and contortions that have ever been witnessed by a civilized assemblage in the night-time upon the plains this was most certainly the climax. The light of the moon, aided slightly by that of a dim camp fire, was barely sufficient to enable the spectators to distinguish the features and grotesque costumes of the savage performers; and the congregation of lady and gentlemen spectators were only too glad to know that the Indians were entirely friendly, and catering only for the amusement of the company, instead of being enemies, dancing and gloating over their scalpless bodies. This amusement being ended, the waning moon and camp fires admonished the excursionists that the hour for retirement and rest had arrived.

Each individual, family, and party, found comfortable tents allotted to them, well stored with soft hay mattresses, buffalo robes, and blankets. Without the least disorder or confusion, therefore, all were soon dreaming of the wondrous novelty of the situation; and nothing but