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AN INDIAN TRADITION.

The Story of the Deluge on this Continent.

The following rather singular tradition which exists among the Papago Indians respecting Montezuma, their founder, and the deluge, has, we believe, never yet appeared in print; at least not in its present shape. It was related by Captain Con Ouan, an aged and intelligent member of the tribe, and was taken down from his lips by an interpreter for Judge Henry

The tradition of the deluge is interesting in its relation to the origin of the Indians of the country, and especially of the ancient tribes who lived in the twilight of civilization, until the Spanish Christians annihilated them. Did they bring this tradition with them from the Asialc continent? Or, did they come in contact with the people of the old world, antecedent to any historical evidence of that fact, from whom they derived this tradition?

These are inquiries naturally suggested by the following narrative. Montezuma, it will be understood, is not the monarch of that name whom Cortes dethroned. It is the generic term of their rulers, like Pharaoh, Casar,

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Before the flood men lived to a great age, so that they lost their teeth and crept about like children. After a time they would get new teeth, and walk upright again like men in the prime of life. Then it was that the Great Spirit created the mountains and peopled the earth on all sides. Then, too, animals talked like men, and were the first to tell of the aping flood. About this time appeared ama, who collected a large quantity of om a plant called chuchi, and with this thich is said to be insoluble in water, the other materials, he built a large veswhich he took refuge, closing and sealed door behind him. In like manner a conversite door person to the plants of ing the door behind him. In like manner a cayote or prairie dog crept into a large cane stalk and closed the ends against the water. The flood came up to the highest mountains, and reached even the birds, which cried like men with fright. When the waters came down, Montezuma and the cayote landed at Cerro Prietta, which mountain some believe to be Montezuma's vessel.

According to another tradition they landed in the centre of the earth, and, having come out of their vessels, Montezuma noticed the trail of a beetle, which he followed until he found the beetle fast in the mud. He then turned back, and meeting the cayote, they employed

the bestle fast in the mud. He then I back, and meeting the cayote, they emisen other in grief. Montezuma sent yote southward to find the sea, which it ound and returned, when it the cayote southward to find the sea, which it soon found and returned, when it was sent on the same errand to the northward, but returned unsuccessful. They then lay down to sleep, when Montezuma dreamed that he should form men and women out of clay, whice he accordingly did, making two for each nation. Meanwhile the cayote sat behind him also making men, but the latter were ill-formed, so that Montezuma ordered them to be removed. His own people multiplied rapidly, and built a large city on the north bank of a river, supposed to be at the mouth of Salt River, in Arizona, where the remains of large ditches are still visible. s are still visible.

Montezuma next travelled southward, fol-lowed by large numbers of people. In accord-ance with a dream, he thrust a rod into the earth, and water flowed thence, which is the origin of the springs at Santa Rosa and else-where. After a time the Great Spirit appear-ed to Montezuma as an old man, and asked to at to Montezuma as an old man, and issee to aptize the people, that they might live beond the sky after death, but Montezuma beame angry and killed the Great Spirit. Then
the latter arose from the dead by night and
speated the request, when Montezuma grew
again, declared that he would take angry again, declared that he would take his people to Heaven by a tower, and killed the Great Spirit a second time, leaving him on the ground, where he was dragged about as a plaything for four years. He then returned to Heaven, removing the sun further from the earth as he ascended.

After a long interval he descended again with the same request as before. At this time Montezuma was living at the Caso Blanco, of white house, close to the Pimo villages on the Gila River. The inside of this house was over-Gila River. The inside of this house was over-laid with pure gold. A third time he slew the Great Spirit, but the latter now becoming an-gry, threw a loase into Spain, which led to an invasion by the Spaniards. Twice did Monte-suma meet and repel the invaders, but before a third angagement the golden ring flew suma meet and repel the invaders, but before the third engagement the golden ring flew from the finger of his daughter to the finger of the Spanish commander, and the silver ring of the latter flew to the finger of the former. Thus did she become leagued with the enemy, and when they were out of provisions she preselled upon her people to throw them to-mode instead of arrows, and thus they were ied at Montezuma's expense. After many severe conflicts the Spaniards were victorious, severe conflicts the Spaniards were victorious, when the traitorous princess demanded the hand of the commander in marriage. He agreed to this on condition that an eagle which he set free should alight on a prickly pear tree. The eagle did so, and the commander started to celebrate the marriage at the pear tree, being followed by a large train of Panagoes; but, under the pretext of getting violins, powder, &c., he travelled on and on until the Indians all deserted him.

Hencetorth, as the story goes. Montezuma made no improvements, and his people were scattered over the country. He afterward deposited the archives of the Papago and Pimonations in a cave near Santa Rosa, and ordered that they celebrate a teast there every fourth year, which custom is still observed. The nation gradually diminished, and Montezuma wandered about until the Indians have lost all traces of him.

## INTELLECTUAL CORRUPTION.

(From the Saturday Review.) Ris curious to reflect how much an author may do to corrupt the heart or the head, and how he may nevertheless, so long as he does not sin in one point, escape all censure. If he can only keep his book free from what is called immorality—that is to say, if he can either ignore one side of human conduct altogether, or else only touch upon it in the recognized conventional manner—he may give his readers the falsest notions of human life, he may pervert their taste, he may render them as weak as sentimentality alone fife, he may pervert their taste, he may render them as weak as sentimentality alone can render them, he may lead them to relish nothing that is not seasoned with the most outrageous incidents and coincidences, and he kay still remain an author whose works would be placed by any mother in the hands of any daughter. It is strange how blind the respectable world usually is to all literary faults save one. So long as a book is not licentious, it is held that it cannot be a back we are inclined to question, however. licentious, it is held that it cannot be a bad book. We are inclined to question, however, whether that which corrupts the intellect does not do as much harm as that which corrupts the so-called morality. The tendency of a great deal of the literature of the present day is to give people a thoroughly false idea of life. Our novels, with their sickly sentimentality, their morbid seif-analysis, their hateful sensationalism, help to train up a set of young sensationaism, help to train up a set of young men and young women quite unfit for the humdrum duties and pleasures which must constitute the greater part of each one's life. It is not merely the rank and file of our novel-ists who offend. Their tendency is now, as it always has been, merely to exaggerate the errors of their chiefs. There is not one of our leading novelists who has not much to answer

for, and we hardly know on whom we should lay most blame. Mr. Dickens, perhaps, ranks as the chief offender, for he it is who has work-

as the chief offender, for he it is who has worked sentimentality to such an extent as would have raised, if that were possible, a blush even on Sterne's brow. When the author of the Sentimental Journey was going to play his the Sentimental Journey was going to play his

the Sentimental Journey was going to play his tricks on his reader's eyes, at all events he chose as his subject a jackass, and a dead one too. If death is to be tricked out so as to

sickly child-and so get done with him. We sickly child—and so get done with him. We confess that, whenever we have begun one of Mr. Dickens' novels, we have not telt quite easy in our minds till we have been able to discover which character it is that has been brought into this world solely with the view of being speedily ushered out of it. His children, from little Dombey downward, might fairly rise up against him with the old reproachful question of the tombstone—

"What was I begun for To be so soon done for?"

To Mr. Dickens the whole modern sentimental school must certainly look up as its head. He has been the source of a great deal of most tearful writing; might we suggest, if he slands in need of a motto, that Hine illes lachrymæ T. Backus, of Arizona Territory. Judge Backus has visited many of the places mentioned in the legend, and has been an eye-witness of the quadrennial feast still celebrated at the cave. He represents the Papagoes as being nominally Catholics, yet clinging to their national traditions with great tenacity, and cherishing the memory of Montezuma with even more than saintly veneration.

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