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Excerpt from Western Words: A Dictionary of the Range, Cow Camp and Trail They say a good range cook never misses a rock when herding his teams across the country. I hope that, like him, I have not missed many words from the cowman's vocabulary in compiling this lexicon My greatest pleasure in collecting the material has been in associating with the cowboy in his native haunts. Never loquacious around strangers, he has attained the reputation of being about as talkative as a Piegan Indian. But I learned, as a small boy, that when one becomes intimate with him, he doesn't depend entirely on the Sign language. Among his own kind he is never hog-tied when it comes to makin' chin music. In fact, if he accepts you, his tongue gets plumb frolicsome. From first youthful impressions, my interest in his speech has grown until recording it has become the hobby of a lifetime. When a tender foot hears this range vernacular - distinctive, picturesque, and pungent he is as surprised as a dog with his first porcupine. After he recovers from the shock of such unconventional English, the more he listens the more refreshing it becomes, because, like a fifth ace in a poker deck, it is so unexpected. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format

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