

The typical cowboy originated in Texas, though his habits of life were much the same in the ranches of Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. But the farming settlers of eastern Texas soon drove the cowboy element to the west of the Lone Star state and the cowboys in turn sought the new pastures of Arizona and New Mexico. It was in the early eighties that the cowboys flourished in Arizona, but the country was soon overstocked. Many years of drought came on, grass became scarce and the plains of New Mexico and Arizona were strewn with the bones of the starving cattle. In the early nineties there was no feed at all. Towns, once the centers of trade for many ranches, were becoming depopulated. The stock yards of Springer, New Mexico, loaded a hundred thousand steers in 1886, but not a carload was shipped from that station in 1892, and the days of the cowboy were past. Many of