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### THE COVER

"The Old Bone Man of the Plains," by Rufus Fairchild Zogbaum, published in *Harper's Weekly*, New York, January 15, 1887. The gatherer of buffalo bones followed in the wake of vanishing herds which by 1887 had virtually disappeared from the plains. Although the picture was illustrative of Zogbaum's Montana experiences, the occupation was also carried on in Kansas. Col. Henry Inman estimated that the bones of 31 million buffalo were shipped from Kansas alone (*see p. 229*).