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A Creek journalist and poet living and writing in Indian Territory at the turn of the century, Posey wrote these letters under the pseudonym Fus Fixico ("Heartless Bird"); they appeared in the *Indian Journal*, the newspaper he ran from Eufala, Creek Nation, from 1902 to 1908. Written in Indian-English dialect, the letters captured readers' imagination with their humor and commentary on contemporary events, making Posey "one of the best Indian humorists of all time." An excellent introduction by Littlefield, the author of a recent biography on Posey (*Alex Posey: Creek Poet, Journalist, and Humorist*, Univ. of Nebraska Pr., 1992), places the letters in context. The editors provide extensive end notes for each of the 73 letters, giving a great deal of useful information about Creek life in Indian Territory at the time of its transition into statehood. An important contribution to the study of Indian literature.

- *Mary B. Davis, Huntington Free Lib., Bronx, N.Y.*

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