

## squeaky clean conscience

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during my shower I glanced down and couldn't help but  
laugh at the glaring example of cultural appropriation  
lurking right underneath my feet  
the silver drain cover was ringed proudly with:  
SIOUX CHIEF MANUFACTURING CO.  
and with a sinking feeling I realized a company like that  
was probably never owned by Native Americans  
our entire country has a habit of stealing cultures that are not our own  
just to sell a brand or a vision with the afterthought of  
honoring the proud people we massacred  
as if we could seek penance by embossing their names  
on our bathroom fixtures  
I find it odd that we allow ourselves to give their heritage  
thought only when we wash our hands or our bodies  
how we can't handle the truth without scrubbing it  
off as soon as we consider it