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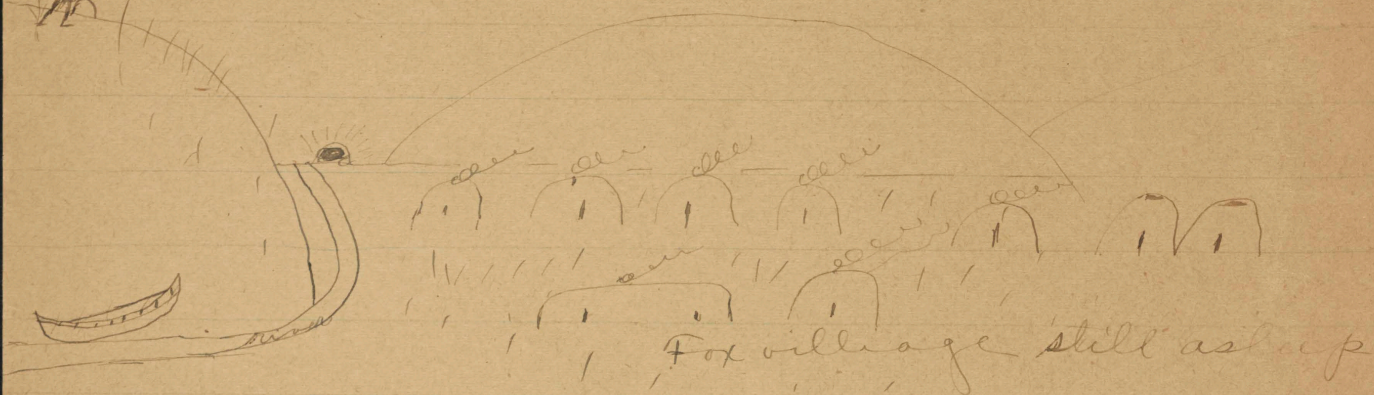
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Snow
sp. counting the
wigwams just
before day break

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no Indian left



Why men should not go
hunting with their wives.

Once there was an Indian
village a long, long, time ago,
in the early days of our great
great grandfathers. When the
Indians of different tribes were
enemies and use to have big
wars among each tribe. All
the different tribes were enemies
then. There were two families
that always had their wig-
wams side by side. These men
of these two families were just
like brothers, tho they were no
relation.

One of these men had been captured from the Sioux band, They did not kill him but kept him in the village, it was the custom, when a man was captured he had to slave and was treated mean, so he had to get along the best he could. But this was not the way this young man was treated, he was the bravest man of his tribe, a great warrior and hunter, that is why they captured and kept him. This man was kept well, he was treated like a son, he never worried about his tribe, he liked the people that captured him so well that he married in this tribe. Many times when the people of the village were about to starve, he

he was the only one that saved them by bringing home the deer. Then one day the Chief of the tribe said there would be a contest, he wanted to find who was the best hunter. So the men were preparing for the day, of the contest. In the contest they were to all be out before day break and kill a deer, and have it to the village by sun rise. The day the contest was set the captured man killed a deer, soon as he stepped out. And another man done the very same thing, they both started home at the same time, they both ran, but the captured man got there first he ran the fastest. So he won the contest, they liked him all the more.

And he and the other man
 he almost tied with got
 together and became great
 friends, they were always
 together, in hunting and
 in war. They use to go out
 and spy together.

There came a time when
 this tribe went on a war
 path, there was to be a
 great battle, they entered the
 enemies villiage at night,
 then they started to killing
 the people, but before they
 got half way, the ~~people~~^{frezzies}
 found out there was in
 war, so some one fled for
 help. It was then day light
 when help came from an
 other villiage. They didnt know
 it was day light on account
 of heavy fog and smoke.
 And the people seem to be

getting thicker. Some one hollered, "let us fight out in the day light out of the smoke".

When they all got out they found out the enemies were almost three times as many as they were. So they began to run back, but the enemy was chasing them, then they ran the Fox near the Missouri river, none of these men could fight but the captured man, he ran the enemy back four times, then he told his friend, "your next". So the Chum drove them back four times also.

But it seemed as tho' the people were getting more and more, so his Chum said, "Well, four times is all I can do, I am tired out." So this captured man said,

I have one more help to save you people, when I was a little boy I fasted, I was thrown out by my parents I have gone for eight days and nights without food nor water, at four different times, then I was taken pity by some spirits, "they gave me power to overcome my enemies in wars like this, I was anxious for war at first, but before I came to see my first war, these spirits gave me away to your tribe, for my own good that is how I was captured before my first war, now that you people have treated me better than your own children, I have only one way to help you people. I will run them back once

more, by that time you folks get under the bluff close to the river." So he ran the enemy back, while these people were hiding and patiently waiting for him. When he got back he told them to jump right in the river and dive half way across, so they did, they came up half way, then they swam the other half across. So he saved the tribe, they got back home with a lot of scalps, even they did run away, he brought home all the men, he never lost one when he took them out on a war path.

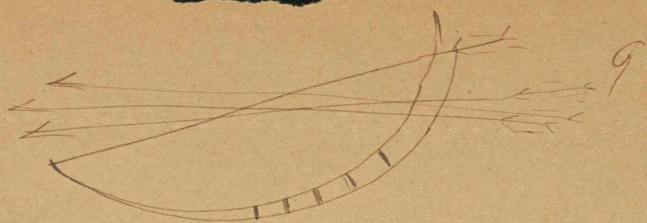
Then these men began to get old, this captured man had only one son. But

his chum had several grown boys and one daughter the same age of his only boy.

These two children played together all thre their childhood days, then the women folks decided to have them get married. This captured man's son never had fasted once in his life, so he was told never to go outside the villiage with his wife, for it was dangerous for him because he had never fasted in his life. But one early spring, this boy decided to go on a several days hunt.

His wife wanted to go along he could not coay her to stay at home, so he finally decided to take her.

So he went to his father and told him he was going



to get his bow and arrows, spear and war club ready for him. "But now son, remember what I have always told you, don't be coming home without your wife." And this boy's brother-in-law coaxed him not to go, "we will do the hunting" they said.

But they would not listen they were ready, so they got in the canoe and left.

They were out more than a day in a canoe, there they camped, and at night the boy put torches along the river, when the deer came up to drink he would see them and kill them. So he killed four deer, and a lot of other kind of game. So in the next evening they

started for home, They butchered the deer and other game he killed and packed it away in the canoe. They were coming home very happy. It was still dark when they got to the stopping place. So they got out and took only what they could carry in their arms. She said she would send her brothers for the rest. When they started to walk away, the man noticed some one on the hill looking over the village. So this boy told his wife to hide, it was then getting a little day light. And the boy said "Now, this is my time, this is what my father meant. it is very plain but in spite of what they said

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"I am going to make a brave woman out of you; I will sneak up behind him and catch him while he is counting the wigwams of our village, when I throw him on the ground, I will holler, then run up and kill him with this war club, then we will take the scalp home to your brothers." She said "alright."

He said, if I don't kill him he will kill us and our village. So this boy sneaked up behind him, grabbed him and threw him on the ground.

First she came running but after she noticed what a fine looking man he was, she stopped. They were scuffling on the ground, when she started to hit the spy he smiled and winked at her

so she did not hit him, he motioned for her to kill her husband instead. While her husband begged for her to kill the spy that he was getting tired out. She sat down by a log near there and watched kicking the dirt, smiling at the spy, she admired him so much. "This man came for the people of our village kill him," but she would not. He finally got ahold of his knife, then he stabbed and kill the man. "You will die also with the man you like, I have saved your village anyway," he said. So he killed her too, and scalped both of them. He took the scalps. Instead of going to her folks he went to his father. His

father said "Now, what is the matter, where did you leave your wife." But he said "No, father I will tell you the truth so he told his father all that had happened. "good", he said so they called the girls, brothers and parents, and told them and even went to see the place. So they all shook hands with him and thanked him for what he had done. "You have done a great thing to save our village", they said.

This is why in the early days, the men did not go around with their wives, Home was the place for the women.

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