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10th 7th day. Cloudy. Indian apparently in a great hurry to get away, but kept hanging round until after [illegible] finally it was past 4 o'clock P.M. before leaving the post, & as a consequence had to travel until nearly mid night before reaching camp — the squaws having gone on before & encamped. They had prepared a temporary lodge for Kicking Bird & myself to sleep in, too small to admit of more than one bed, & had used both pairs of my blankets to make his bed, as they appropriated to his use one pair of my blankets when we encamped for the night on our way in, & I did not sleep very comfortable, in consequence of it, I made up my mind to sleep on them myself, especially as he had cabbaged 3 pairs of my blankets heretofore, and stripped them from his bed & went off to some brush out side the camp, spread them on the ground, & slept very well, being but once disturbed by the wolves.

11th 1st day of week. Clear & Pleasant. Started early & without breakfast [illegible]

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for a meal, which we did on the Ah-ke-e-poh about 11 o'clock. Reached camp, got my bed trunk &c into my tent, washed, shaved & put on a clean collar before dark.

X 12th 2nd day. Clear & Pleasant. Lightning & thunder [illegible]

As the Indians beds in their lodges are either upon the ground, or at best elevated but a few inches by means of poles, which lie upon the ground often filled in between the poles with weeds & dry grass, which I would suppose would form a harbor for the poisonous insects & rattles, or snakes with which this country is infested — scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas, rattlesnakes &c. I have wondered that they did not get poisoned by them, but they nearly or quite always turn the skins, with which their beds are made, & shake them well before ~~gotten~~ retiring for the night. Last night however, or rather this morning I was awakened by the groans of an Indian whose lodge is but a few steps from my tent who had been bitten by a [illegible] as was supposed by the Indians by a tarantula [illegible]