

raised up by the crow, as already described in song number 36. The song comes from the northern Arapaho.

43. NĀNISA'TĀQU'THI CHĪNACHI'CHIBĀ'IHA'

Nānisa'tāqu'thi Chīnachi'chibā'iha',
 Nānisa'tāqu'thi Chīnachi'chibā'iha'—
 Nī'nahawa'na,
 Nī'nahawa'na.
 Nibāi'naku'nithi—
 Nibāi'naku'nithi—
 Ā-bāna'ānahu'u',
 Ā-bāna'ānahu'u'.
 Nā'hibi'wahuna'na,
 Nā'hibi'wahuna'na.

Translation

The seven venerable *Chī'nachichi'bāt* priests,
 The seven venerable *Chī'nachichi'bāt* priests—
 We see them,
 We see them.
 They all wear it on their heads—
 They all wear it on their heads—
 The Thunderbird,
 The Thunderbird.
 Then I wept,
 Then I wept.

In his trance vision the author of this song saw a large camp of Arapaho, and in the midst of the camp circle, as in the old days, were sitting the seven priests of the *Chī'nachichi'bāt*, each wearing on his head the Thunderbird headdress, already described and figured under song number 14. This vision of the old life of the tribe brought up sorrowful memories and caused him to weep. In the similar song next given the singer laments for the *Chī'nachichi'bāt* and the *bā'qati* gaming wheel. The priests here referred to were seven in number, and constituted the highest order of the military and social organization which existed among the Blackfeet, Sioux, Cheyenne, Kiowa, and probably all the prairie tribes excepting the Comanche in the south, among whom it seems to have been unknown. The society, so far as it has come under the notice of white men, has commonly been designated by them as the "Dog Soldier" society—a misapprehension of a name belonging probably to only one of the six or eight orders of the organization. The corresponding Blackfoot organization, the *Ikunuhkatsi* or "All Comrades," is described by Grinnell in his "Blackfoot Lodge Tales." The Kiowa organization will be noted later.

Among the Arapaho the organization was called *Bēni'nēna*, "Warriors," and consisted of eight degrees or orders, including nearly all the men of the tribe above the age of about seventeen. Those who were not enrolled in some one of the eight orders were held in but little respect, and were not allowed to take part in public ceremonies

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