

SITTING BULL DONATES TWO BUFFALOES HE HAD KILLED

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About the time when the Hunkpapas were roaming round the Powder River country, Sitting Bull was about a young man and getting to be very adventurous. He loved to go the woods with his bow and arrow and shoot rabbits, squirrels and other small games, would climb the tallest trees--picking wild fruit in their season, fishing and wading in streams where the turtles lay at the bottom and other Indian boys pastimes.

He was a great singer and could imitate the singing of birds, pretty nearly to perfection and in fact all kinds of sounds made by the forest creatures.

One morning a report of the standing scouts was announced to the effect that a large herd of buffaloes was seen some ten miles from the camp. It was decided that only well organized hunting party would be allowed to undertake to pursue the herd. Twenty or more hunters of all sorts from the camp under Red Feather as a leader started out. Young Sitting Bull was one of the hunters. After sometime riding they came in sight of the herd. Order was given to halt. Next, for the hunters to get out of sight of the herd. The leader then ordered one of the scouts to size up everything ahead for the big chase. Then the leader lined up the hunter with special orders to stay close together.

And now they started, first a regular galloping gait, then the leader gave orders to charge upon the herd. No limit was placed as to the number one was entitled to kill. In a short time the whole herd was exterminated. No gun was used only bows and arrows. Every hunter using bow and arrows, has his own distinct mark on the arrow, generally in the color of feather used on the arrows, by which the owner of the arrows can easily distinguish his arrows from others.