

Eagle filled a long wooden pipe with a strong, queerly-flavored tobacco. He lighted it, took a couple of puffs and handed the pipe to Sitting Bull. The great Chieftain slowly put the pipe in his mouth, took a long steady whiff, then discharged the smoke with a strange hissing sound. Two of three puffs were thus taken, when the pipe was handed to another warrior who had entered. The operation was repeated and the pipe returned to Crow Eagle. It went the rounds of the trio again and again; Crow Eagle replenishing the bowl five times with the queer smelling tobacco, which he carried in a long stocking.

Through the interpreter, Mr. Houser, who is a Sioux halfbreed and a ready conversationalist, Sitting Bull spoke as follows: "I am just 50 years of age. My father's name was Jumping Bull and he was chief of the Sioux. When 14 years of age I went on my first warpath against a neighboring tribe. I distinguished myself for my bravery. My father, on my return called me before the tribe and gave me the name of Sitting Bull. He gave away four horses to poor braves when he cristened me. My father's name means a very strong man; my own signified that I am a powerful rider. My father died 23 years ago and I became chief of my tribe. My mother died last year in her 70th year. I have 5,000 people in my tribe, with headquarters at Standing Rock agency, Dakota."

When asked about the horsemanship of different bands of Indians, he said: "I have seen many tribes in my day. Of these the Arrapahoes and the Nez Perce Indians are the best riders. They sit the firmest upon a pony of any tribe. A remarkable fact is connected with the Nez Perce Indians. This people live to a great age. Nearly all the squaws can ride ponies at 70 years of age, and the warriors even until older. My own people are good orsemen, but cannon ride as long. The Crow tribe are also fine riders.

"I am very much pleased with my trip through the country. I like Canada; the people all treated me well. The sight that interested me most was the capitol at Washington. I was pleased to meet the president, and