

interpreter prepared a place by spreading a clean cloth on the ground. Upon his arrival, she took the bundle from him, placed it upon the cloth, and opened it. This wotawe, however, was only a copy of the original one which he had shown us on our first visit, and which is described immediately below.

(The wotawe shown us on this occasion consisted of a piece of white muslin four feet square. In the center of it the informant had drawn a male elk. The elk faced east, the position in which he was when he appeared in the vision. In the two lower corners and above the middle of the back of the elk, he had sketched a dragonfly; to the front of the elk, a butterfly. "I have made several copies of my wotawe and have given them to those who are permitted to have one," he remarked. These animals were sketched in exactly the same position on the original wotawe, the one which he had shown us on our first visit and which he used when exercising his power. The cloth, however, was a piece of yellow muslin. To each of the four corners of the cloth on the original one, about four inches from any of the above drawings, an eagle feather had been tied with a small piece of buckskin. At the ends of the two used in tying the feathers near the top he had tied a piece of root of the bitter-root, about an inch in length. A fifth eagle feather rested on the cloth as he unfolded it. He remarked that this was a sacred feather and while holding it in his hand, he sang and demonstrated the manner in which he prayed for rain. — He requested not to have his song or his demonstration recorded in print. — He then lifted the other feathers with the sacred one and noted that these were not sacred but merely represented the four sacred directions, the four winds — north, south, east, west. The one in the upper right-hand corner represented north; the next one, (moving clockwise), east; the next, south; and the next, west. He spoke a prayer addressing it to "My Helper Above", and then remarked that that meant God. Whenever I have prayed and taken this cloth and hit the ground with it, it has rained. Last October (1938) when there was a fire in the Black Hills, I prayed. Soon it rained and put out the fire. This vision gave me power over the four winds — the north, south, east, and west winds. (The interpreter added, "He has power