

to plant corn and we want him to make our children know how to take care of themselves. After this prayer, these young men who were hung up by the sinews, were taken down and the old men would take charcoal and rub on the breasts of the men who had been dancing. After this had all been done it was the finishing up of the Sun Dance, and then they had a kind of an arbor, where they invited me to come and talk; but I had to talk a great deal different than what I expected to, for I saw that there was a matter of religion with them, not a matter of choice, and I had all pity for them. I told them if they wanted to have their children instructed how to plant corn and how to do other things to keep them from getting hungry, they must give them to me and let me teach them, and then they just cried it loud for all the children to come and go with me, and they all went back with me that day. Then they knew it was their wish, and the Great Spirit wanted them to do that, they went back joyfully.

Now some people may wonder why these people do not populate the earth faster. Well they knew nothing about what to do for disease, and when the small-pox or any other dreadful disease breaks out among them, it pretty nearly wipes them out.

They heard once that there was a medicine man up north that could prevent small-pox, so there was a Medicine Man among these Cheyennes, called "Bushy Head", so he called a great many parents and took them to this Medicine Man and they took him presents; and when an Indian gives a present he says he wants the Great Spirit to give him what he wants. Well now this Bushy Head or Bull Head, went up there and gave these presents, but he was dissapointed, he did not give him any medicine at all, but he gave him instead a white pony. Well he came back feeling very much dissapointed over this present, but one day this pony began to talk to him and says, "Your people are going to have the smallpox, and then he told them they must build a lodge and paint with bones all round and when you build that lodge I will come and put my head in at the door and you must paint right shoulder blue and my left shoulder red and you must tell them