

never smoked without some sacred action or word. That is, the head of the family. The old women smoked too, and they would hardly offer a prayer. The man lights his pipe, holds it up and says, "grandfather, I offer you this pipe. May I have good luck today." Then he puts it on the ground and says, "I offer it to the earth, I offer it to the four winds." If they were in a hurry they would offer it only to the Great Spirit. They offer it sometimes in the bowl. If there are a number of men only the one who lights the pipe offers it. It is believed that the smoke carries your words with it so you should be careful about what you say. Same custom was used with the Dakotas as with the Cheyennes - when they wanted a man to take an oath they would light the pipe and have him smoke it. Then they were sure he would tell the truth.

"Soldiers of the Plains" - there were some little errors in this book but not very noticeable.

76 Custer Fight - Not quite one half the men must have had guns. A good many that mention taking part in this fight, the majority say they used bows and arrows and clubs and tomahawks. They say that after the fight, they came in possession of guns, revolvers, ~~swords~~, etc. It was not so that every Indian had a Winchester.

48 I have seen Indians throw themselves over the side of the ponies like they would not to be shot but I cannot describe it. I have seen the old timers like One Bull and others give some exhibition rides like they used to ride in olden times. Sometimes the pony would have a saddle but in the buffalo hunts they would feel free riding bareback. When they threw themselves over a pony they hung on to his mane. They could shoot over the horses neck. When they rode bareback they would have a lariat around the horses body. In the drawings they show a notched quirt. They could make the handles any way they wanted but there is a quirt they use for horse dances. At any rate it is one special quirt