

they beat these Cheyenne all the time. They finally gave up. "Oh, they're too good, we can't play with them." But there was one man, I guess he used clean up the sticks (win sticks) every time. And these Cheyennes would take courage and say, "What--what does he do--does he hold--let's see!" I guess he would open his hand. And he used to have it, you know, when they guess him like that--I don't know how he used to throw his hands. But I guess he used to throw it across (the bean).

(To the other hand?)

The other hand. And they used to beat them.

(What would happen if they caught him doing that?)

Nothing. They just watch him. I guess he used to throw (the bean) without anybody seeing him.

(Did women ever be able to do that?)

No, I don't think so. Never be able to throw them across, but that man, they said he was a good one.

(Do the Arapahoes have any stories about hand games?)

No. Just what we know and just what we see, that's all we know about hand game.

(What kind of wood do they like to make sticks out of?)

Just make them out of willows--young willows.

(Do they take the bark off?)

Yeah.

(Is there any reason why they like to use these meadowlark feathers?)

Tail.

(Would there just be two feathers or several?)

Two on each stick. They tie them over here with sinew and pierce of buckskin so far and then tie it on to the stick and they always hang down.

(Did you ever make any hand game sticks?)

No. Never did (laughs).