

file or something like it, and they made a groove-shape like that, within that--this little blade sticks out. That was the groover--reamer--they'd say. And of course, they'd file that just so when they'd sit it down like this--you know, like the handle--they'd put this arrow on there and they'd set this. And just like that--four times, four places. I done that twice.

(You have. Are there any reamers like that left?)

I never have seen one. I wished I'd kept my father's. But they were easy-made. With all these modern tools, you know, you can take it to the blackshop--blackshop or carpenter--they can fix it for you like you want it.

(And they have to make them with a file?)

Yeah.

(Where'd they get their file?)

Well, in early days, of course, the trader had them. These hunters--these frontiersmen--they've always had files--to sharpen their knives, and their bayonets or spears or whatever it was--their knives. They always--but how they happen to have these files--that were so small because an arrow--I'll show you the size of an arrow (brings some out to show)--that's the boy's size.

(Now would hunting arrows be bigger than this?)

Oh, bigger. About as big (around) as a fountain pen. About--bigger than--bigger than that. Hunting and, you know, war arrows.

(What did you use to shave these down with?)

Just a knife. Knife. We have a--

(Pocketknife?)

Yeah, any knife. And we have a stone--a sand stone. We ream this, you know.

(I think he is talking about sandstone shaft smoothers.) And then of course we did have a--like an animal bone--say, like a deer bone--they drill a hole through that, and they put the arrow through there and straighten it--just like that. Like that. Keeps it straight. Course, you have to have a good sight, you know. I may make these up yet. If I do, I'll remember you.

(Wish you would. I was going to ask if there was anybody I can go to and get