

(You know I've watched Indian's butchers about three or four different cows-- but I've never seen any home butchering by white people. So I really know a little about Indian butchering than about white butchering. But how did they used to kill their animals in the old days? The white people--did they just shoot it?)

Bob: Well, if they didn't have a gun, they could take it and throw it and put it up here somewhere and tie it up--then cut the jugular vein and let it bleed to death. That would be probably the most--it would give you better meat. It bled. You got all the blood out--didn't let it sit in the meat. But now since they got the rifle, they shoot the calf and then hurriedly cut that jugular vein and let it stay there--

(Did they hang it up--?)

Bob: The Indian would do the same thing if he had the equipment to do it. It's all the same thing, only some of it was done on the ground. Like the Indian usually did it on the ground because he didn't have the hoist to put it up there. (You'd say that the white farmer would usually have his hoisted up and let it hang from a limb or something--?)

Bob: Yeah. The Indian did that when he had wire stretchers--he cut him a stout stick and put it between the sinews of each leg and pulled it up off the ground. But he didn't have to. The Indian was very adept to just skin an animal on the ground. And he had such a way that he'd cut this away, and it was just like a blanket there. He wouldn't get it full of dirt.

(This is the way I've seen it done. How did the Arapahoes, when they were going to butcher a beef, how did they kill their animals?)

Jess: Well, I've seen them shoot it with a bow and arrow in the early days. And of course, later on, a Winchester and rifle. And here lately they just knock it in the head. But the way the Cheyennes and Arapahoes--well, the Plains Indians--I guess the Osages are the same way and other tribes--the way they butchered, there's two things that had to be attended to first, before you cut your meat up. You cut that sinew from the back clear down to--runs all along the back, about