

The great Medicine Man proceeded with the utmost solemnity and most imposing formality to fill the pipe. Perhaps the manner of this ceremony might be interesting and worthy of recording. The Pipe used on this occasion was made of the Red Pipe Stone, obtained somewhere in the North West, and was lying upon a clean spot of earth, the tobacco and other sacred plants having been mixed in due proportions was then put into the bowl of the pipe without removing it from the ground, until it was filled and pressed into it, then a small pinch was taken out with the thumb and finger put into the ground and covered up with the sand - an offering to the Mother Earth, the stem is then properly adjusted to the pipe, a glowing coal quickly moved from the fire to the pipe and placed in the bowl, without removing either from the ground, the stem is then applied to the lips, and the contents of the bowl ignited; when the smoke came freely, three whiffs are blown toward the Sun- the dwelling place of the Great Spirit - and then three whiffs are blown into the closed hand and opened upon the ground a second offering to the Mother, the Pipe is then for the first time removed from the ground, and is set to circulating by passing it to the chief sitting at the extreme end of the lodge at the right side, who is the first after the Medicine Man to apply it to the lips, he after devoutly making his medicine, and taking two or three whiffs passes it to his nearest left hand neighbor. Thus the pipe circulates from the right to the left from mouth to mouth each in turn offering to the Great Spirit and to the earth as it is handed to him. At the proper place it was offered to me, I took it with becoming gravity, and filling my mouth with smoke, passed it to my next neighbor.

The pipe continued to circulate in utter silence until it ceased to yield smoke, it was then taken apart and laid upon the