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12th Mo I have often noticed since living in an Indian Camp a peculiar howling cry for an hour or so about daybreak, but without knowing the cause of this daily dismal wail.

It is the hour of lamentation in which those who have recently lost relatives & friends by the hand of death raise the cry of grief in a strain as loud & long drawn as the nocturnal howlings of the grey wolf.

Today there has been several outbreaks of this sort, in consequence of the dangerous sickness of some young children in the camp, Pleuro Pneumonia being the disease, it is of frequent occurrence among their children owing to their exposures, few if any among them having anything to wear upon their feet or legs, indeed young men of 20 years & upward are not un frequently running about with no other covering than a single blanket be what it may, & then when prostrated by Pleuro Pneumonia the mother & near relatives instead of endeavoring to assuage the suffering of the patient, or arrest the progress of the disease by judicious nursing & the application of remedies have recourse to the

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12th Mo Tricks of jugglery & ^{betake} ~~resign~~ themselves to these detestable howlings, in which, as was the case to day, so many of the women & children join that the whole encampment resounds with the dolorous wail.

11th 4th day Clear & Cold
My rising got too cold last night, so that my bread did not raise good & consequently was not a success, though that which I made at the Agents was excellent.

12th 5th day Clear & Cold

I lay very cold last night especially my feet. After a Council of the Head men of the encampment, Kicking Bird informed me as its result that he, myself & the man & his wife in whose lodge we live, are to start immediately for the Camp of Big-Bow & White Horse the notorious Kiowa raiders why I am to go I know not, nor the distance; I accordingly packed up my things, preparatory to a tramp, The lodge was taken down, & such articles as were needed upon our trip were packed in a kind of leather pannier thus our beds, provisions &c were hastily transferred to travelling packs, the poles upon which the framework of our lodge is made, were tied together with