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12th No leather thong — but after all
no ponies or mules were found
so that before night our lodge
was reconstructed upon the
same ground from which it
was taken down, & preparations
were made for passing another
night in the camp before starting
on our winter trip.

13th 5th day Clear & Pleasant.

Kicking Bird having changed
his mind about going to the camp
of Big Bow & White Horse, went
away this morning professing to
go to look after the ponies.

Sometime after he was gone
Kaggar & Cassoom in whose
lodge we were staying, no doubt
by previous arrangement, took
down the lodge, packed up &
went away, leaving me without
knowing to whose lodge I was
to look as my home, soon
however Zebile, a brother of
Kicking Bird's, in whose lodge
I have eaten several times, &
where I feel as much at home
as anywhere in camp, bade
me enter his lodge, where I found
To-pin, making bread; My blankets
charts, & whip were soon brought in
but my over coat & valise I have
not seen. Got several young
men interested in the reading chart
among whom, is a brother of Tanta,
but there being no suitable place

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12th No regular exercises, I put in most of
my time in becoming, ^{familiar,} or making
the children familiar with me
rather, & when opportunity offers
place my charts before them in
as attractive a manner as
possible endeavoring to secure
their interest in them.

14th 7th day, Clear part of the day
but grew hazy, windy, & cold, in
the afternoon. Remained in
& about the lodge most of the
day. Had quite a comfortable
bed last night & slept well.

This morning I went out &
seated myself on a small stump,
& ^{was} soon surrounded by a large
number of children, eyes shining
with curiosity, though some of
them were afraid of me, — To whom
I showed pictures of my own
making, — my tape line — & various
little articles, — Strange in their
eyes, finally joining in their little
sports, I find that day by day they
are becoming more & more familiar,
(even the dogs have ceased to bark
at me every time I stir out of
the lodge) I think against the
time rolls around for me to erect
my tent in the midst of the tent
camp, many of the children will
enter it with some degree of
confidence, who could not have
so far overcome their fears as
to have been prevailed upon, or