the Medicine Chief, stepped forward & squirt a small quantity of the contents of his gun into the face of the animal, & as it flew off growling & snapping at the object which had been thrown at it, the Medicine Chief picked up a small stick upon which he wound a strip of the skin of the animal upon which it will be remembered the women pulled the hair, this was repeated several times, & at a signal from the Medicine Chief the ceremony was ended & I saw no more that day.

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Presently the performers entered from behind the screen, this was, as the upper part of the body were painted white, rendering it very difficult to distinguish the naked part of the skin, & the legs, nearly to the ankles, while the breech cloth (blue) descended nearly to the knee. The skirt, both in front & behind was of a deep blue color, & the whole appearance of the dancers, as they came in, was very striking, as they stepped in time with the music, while a whistle in the mouth of each dancer, through which the breath passed in the singing of the women added to the music. The dancers continued to have the Medicine well concealed by their robes as they entered, & when they had all entered & taken their places, the Medicine Chief came in, & placed himself in front of the dancers, & then commenced the ceremony of consecrating the Medicine, which was done by the Medicine Chief taking a small quantity of the contents of his gun, & throwing it into the face of the animal, which was then thrown at the dancers, & as it flew off growling & snapping at the object which had been thrown at it, the Medicine Chief picked up a small stick upon which he wound a strip of the skin of the animal upon which it will be remembered the women pulled the hair, this was repeated several times, & at a signal from the Medicine Chief the ceremony was ended & I saw no more that day.

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