

tribe, which, if true, might indicate a foreign origin. Sindi is the great mythic hero of the Kiowa.

7. *K'w'ato*—"pulling up from the ground or a hole." An extinct division, speaking a slightly different dialect, and exterminated by the Sioux in one battle about the year 1780. On this occasion, according to tradition, the Kiowa were attacked by an overwhelming force of Sioux and prepared to retreat, but the chief of the *Kuato* exhorted his people not to run, "because, if they did, their relatives in the other

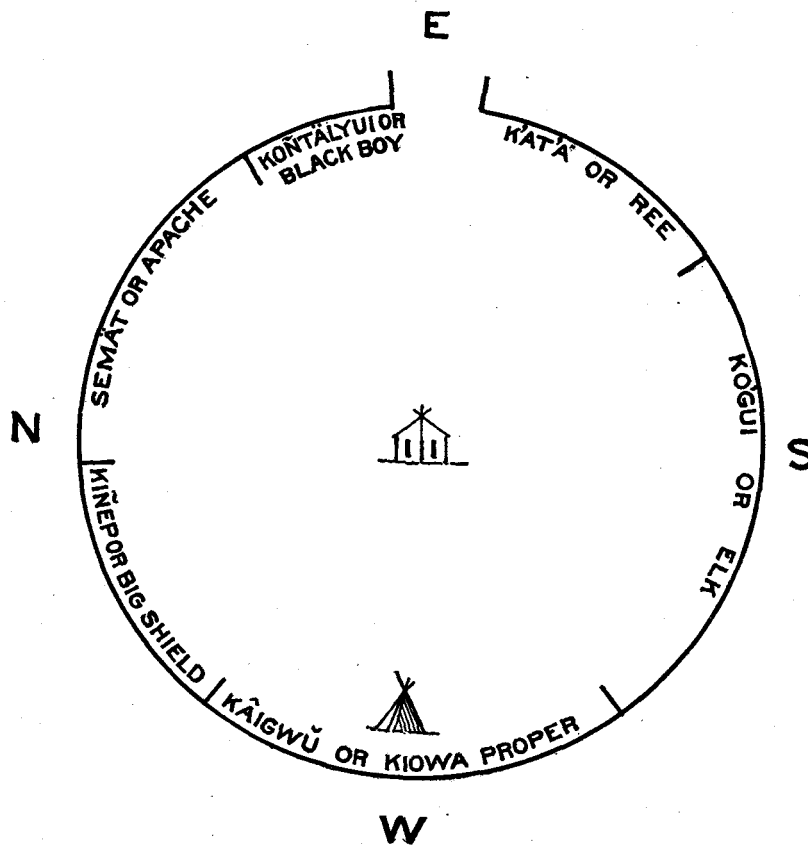


FIG. 104—Kiowa camping circle.

world would not receive them." So they stood their ground and were killed, while the others escaped. Their place in the tribal camp circle is not known.

In the annual sun dance and in other great tribal gatherings the several divisions camped in the order shown in figure 104.

Although brave and warlike, the Kiowa are considered inferior in most respects to the Comanche. In person they are dark and heavily built, forming a marked contrast to the more slender and brighter-complexioned prairie tribes farther north. Their language is full of