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Cheyenne willow-bed purchased by me July 25-1913
from a young couple on the South side of the Camp Circle
(The husband was one of the Dancers who dropped out
the 2d night) at the Sundance on the Canadian River,
northwest of Cantonments: - (See also files of Holiday M

I The mattress or springs: -

Made of willow-sticks (one hundred ninety four
from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch in diameter, averaging
about $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at the butt-end and $\frac{1}{4}$ at the small
end. These sticks are laid side by side alternately
butt-end and small-end.  So - They lie
closely so that in places a knife blade could not
easily go between, tho in others one might thrust
a pencil - very nearly. These sticks are fastened
together by four sinew thongs which have been
put thru them with an awl. The outermost
sinews are almost 2 inches from the edge of the
mat. The others are equally spaced between.
The whole mat is 6 feet 8 inches long, and
measures 42 inches at the wider end, and 36
at the narrower one. The sticks were all
straightened - like arrows - by the teeth of the
woman who made it. This particular bed mat
is old and shows the weathering and stains
of use. One or two of the sticks are broken.
However it is covered by the bedding, and was
serviceable as when new. This bed is of
a size for two persons.