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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.