

II The Lean-Back (There are two of these - identically alike - one for the foot of the bed - one for the head. The Lean Backs are new, I will here describe only one.

It consists of 159 sticks, straightened and fastened by four sinews, as the mattress is. At the top or narrower end of the lean-back the sticks measure 21 inches in length; from this end they are equally graduated (or very nearly - as this bed was made for a wall-tent and ~~is~~ had ~~not~~ no need to slant on the back side as much as it would have to fit a tipi). The length at the bottom or wider end is $38\frac{1}{2}$ inches. These rods or sticks are more evenly matched for size - especially near the narrower (or top) end - where (in fact) one cannot ^{always} tell which end of the stick grew uppermost on the tree. All the sinews are placed about 1 inch from the edge of the top and $1\frac{3}{4}$ from the edge of the bottom. The two center sinews are equally spaced from the outer. The bottom (or wide end of the mat) for the distance occupied by 60 sticks, is unpainted and has only the natural white color of peeled willow shoots. The upper part of the lean-back is painted - as that part is exposed above the bedding and pillows when the bed is erected. The colors are Red, Dark Blue, and Ochre Yellow or clear bright yellow. Beginning at the top the color scheme is as follows on the next page:-