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W. Sitting Bull wears a white eagle-feather as
as head ornament.

By One Bull.

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People seem to have the idea that Sitting Bull was
nothing but a common medicine man in his Tribe and
that "he did all his fighting on paper." This accounts for the
fact, that they do not know him personally.

Among the Sioux Nation as well as other Tribes of the
American Indian, no Indian ever attained distinction
unless he complied with all requirements and customs
of the Tribe.

One of the things all warriors considered great, was
for one to go on the war-path at an early age - a young volunteer
and few had that distinction and Sitting Bull was one of them.

At the age of fourteen years, he joined a war-party
in quest of Crow Indian scalps or horses. There were ten
with Sitting Bull in the party. All of them, ^{except Sitting Bull} were young men
who had already been on the war-path before and gained
all sorts of experiences. The boy-warrior, Sitting Bull, proved
himself an important factor in the party. His parents and rela-
tives raised a great deal of objection to his intentions but
he was so determined to go that nothing could prevent him
going.

The Tribe was camping on the Powder River about
this time. The war-party left the camp and started
toward West. They had been eagerly watching to see some
loose Crow Indians on the way but failed. The Crows