

THE HAT SITTING BULL WEARS

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In some of the pictures I had seen of Chief Sitting Bull one shows him wearing a felt hat. The old chief hardly wears a hat and this seemed to account for his scalp immune from bald-headedness. But he did wear a felt hat -- the only one I have known him to wear.

People have asked where he had obtained this hat. To me such questions are simply absurd. Where did he get it? Did the government issued him the hat. Such questions! In the first place, the government never issued a hat to any Indian, not even half as good in quality as the hat Sitting Bull wears and in value I don't think he would sell or dispose of this hat for anything.

When Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill became acquainted and friendship formed among other presents Buffalo Bill had bestowed upon Sitting Bull, this particular hat was placed on the Chief's head by his white friend. This was done when the chief was traveling with Buffalo Bill's circus in 1887.

The old chief values this article of clothing very highly -- not so much for the hat itself but on account of the friend that had favored him with this gift.

The old chief at one time was asked about this hat replied as follows:

"My white friend, Buffalo Bill, gave me this hat and have valued it very highly, for the hand that had placed this hat on my head, had a friendly feeling toward me."

He always wore that hat on all special occasions.