

University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.
September 1, 1934.

Mr. Joseph Hotz,
Seminarstr. 97,
Zurich, Switzerland.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your kind letter praising my book. I am happy that you like it, for I have tried to tell the truth, and made prolonged researches in order to do so. If you like the book, it is probable that you will also enjoy reading my two other books on the Sioux Indians. (1) WARPATH, Houghton Mifflin Co. 2 Park Street, Boston, Mass. This is the story of the Sioux wars as told by Chief White Bull, nephew to Sitting Bull, now living. It is full of action and heroism. Published 1933. (2) NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY. University of Oklahoma Press Norman, Oklahoma. This is a miscellany concerning the Sioux and their history, together with some sixty documents regarding the Ghost Dance (1890). Published only this week.

I take pleasure in answering your queries about the book SITTING BULL. (1) tipsin is a plant which grows on the Northern Plains, and its root is considered a dainty by the Indians. It is known to science, I believe, as Psoralea esculenta. The women dig it out with a sharp stick. It is somewhat like a potato (small) in appearance, with a crisp white meat covered with a tough brown bark. It may be boiled or pared and eaten raw. (2) you are right in supposing the horse ridden by Sitting Bull in 1856 was not the same as that ridden in 1876. Both horses had the same colors and markings, and both were given to the chief by his brother-in-law, Makes-Room. I had not room to explain this.

Now as to the translation you seek to make for the magazine. So far as I am concerned, you may make it; but the copyright is held by my publishers, and of course you will have to deal with them. I have referred your letter to them, and have no doubt that they will write to you soon.

I am happy to know that we have a mutual friend here.

Very sincerely yours,

W.S. Campbell ("Stanley Vestal")