

have this man use his powers so that when the woman comes out of jail where she now is, she will no longer run after this man. When she is around here she talks only of this man doing this and saying that until my father has told her to keep still. On one occasion she walked eight miles to a dance to see if he might be there with another woman.")

I have no sons, but I have six daughters. These all have the same mother, my present wife; and I am satisfied to have them. Some families prefer boys, but girls are accepted when they arrive. The Sioux like children. Not much was said about a couple that had no children but it was thought that one of the two must have sinned -- sinned like not liking children. The Sioux have a herb that is steeped and given to a sterile woman. It is always effective. I know the herb, but don't like to tell of it; it is very rare.

In all I had ten wives. I married for the first time when I was about twenty years old. I didn't pay anything for my first wife; it wasn't necessary. I went up to her and talked to her and, before I even asked her to marry me, she asked me to take her to my home. (13) So I did: I took her to Sitting Bull's home. Sitting Bull was much pleased that I was married. But that woman didn't treat me right; so I quit her. I went away, and then she went back to her people. I stayed with her just a few nights. Her mother and father were very nice people. She didn't treat me right, that's why I left her! I went to my father's people and lived with them for one year.

In old days when a man was ready to marry a woman he selected one and if she satisfied him, he married her. He merely brought her to his tepee where she lived with him: that was the marriage. There wasn't any marriage ceremony.

(13) Courting among the Dakotas, says Paul Beckwith, "is always done in the evening and in the lodge. If the attentions of the young man are disagreeable to the young woman, she will get up and blow out the fire. The young man takes the hint and retires. If, on the contrary, she should be willing, she lets the fire alone." (Notes on customs of the Dakotas, Smithsonian Report for 1886, Part I, p. 256. Cf. also Eastman, Charles A., My Indian Boyhood, Boston, 1933 p. 125.)