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What is  
the sketch

Dear Professor:

How is this sketch?

Pardon me for letting you wait so long but I had so much to do during the last few weeks that it was impossible to answer sooner.

It is difficult to make a correct illustration without having the text at hand in order to know what is important and what isn't.

In the meanwhile I have received a few copies of the last book I have illustrated. It is a German translation of J.W. Schultz' My Life as an Indian. The paper is very bad and the lines have therefore frequently run together in rather unsightly blotches. (in the illustrations)

As to the price of my illustrations about which you inquire, I would charge \$15 for each of several full page illustrations (wash drawings) and \$20 if there is to be just one frontispiece.

As to photographs of Blackfoot or other tipis, I am sorry to say that I have none sufficiently large to see anything of the arrangement of the poles. all the photos I ever made of that subject were taken at a considerable distance on 4x5 plates so that the tipis appear very small. Unfortunately I have pasted all my prints of that kind into an album so that it would be difficult to send them unless I send the whole album which would hardly be worthwhile, since you could not learn much from it anyhow for your purposes. Wissler's monograph on the "Material Culture of the Blackfoot Indians" has a few illustrations on the various tipi knots of different tribes but he describes in detail only the arrangement of the poles in the Dakota lodge. It is in the Series of the Anthropological Papers of the Am. Mus. of Nat History, Vol. 5, Part I.

There are, I just see, in that volume a few small illustrations made from snapshots of Blackfoot women setting up a lodge. I also just notice that he has after all a description of the order in which the poles are arranged on page 100. I shall be glad to send you the book if you want it in which case let me know.

It is so long since I have been at the Blackfoot agency that I doubt whether any one remembers me there. the agent and an other official whom I knew there have left long ago. The only party I know of who could accommodate you in the matter of tipi poles would be one of the traders.

\* There was one old trader by the name of Sherbourne or Sherburn, I think one of the smaller lakes on the eastern border of Glacier Park was named for him which you would find on a large map of the park, as distributed by the Great Northern. Otherwise you might write to the Superintendent (formerly called "agent") of the Blackfoot Reservation for the address of a trader, or of somebody else who could be of help, to you in this matter. the best informant there for giving you information on the setting up of a lodge would probably be a missionary, preferably a Protestant, for instance Rev. Hammer (Methodist, I think), if he is still there. But you would have to explain very carefully what you want to know, illustrating it by an example ---and offer him a contribution for his mission church.

Please let me know if there are any further changes to be made in the illustration.

Yours very truly

Frederick W. V. [Signature]

\* You could get the correct spelling of the name from such a map if you could to write to him.

\*\* That is to say the kind of residence you could most easily get in these parts, if you know of anybody else.

\*\*\* The catholic priest was entirely out of sympathy with the old life of the Indians.