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Dear Campbell:

Enclosed please find the desired information concerning the scalping knife of Blue Horse which I bought from a member of his household shortly after his death in 1909. I have indicated on the drawing the unusual features in the specimen, and also the more common form of such knife sheaths. The knives themselves were mostly specimens obtained from the traders and probably identical with the ordinary butcher knives used by the whites at the same period. The so called "scalping knives" were hardly knives kept or made just for that gruesome purpose only but they were the ordinary knives used by the men on their hunting and war expeditions. But the sheath used by the men for such knives seems to have been distinctive in that it had the typical triangular hole through which the strap was passed in buckeling the knif on, while the knife of the women was worn in a sheath, sometimes beautifully beaded, which was suspended from the belt by a short loop made of a thong. I have seen specimens of the men's knife of the enclosed general shape among the Sioux, Blackfeet and Flathead and it seems to have been quite general among the Plains Tribes.

Hoping that you and your family are well (as it is now the case with myself), I am

cordially yours



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P. S. I have not seen any of the circulars sent out by L & C. which you mention. If you have a copy to spare, I would like to see one. I have quite a number of friends and acquaintances among teachers, also among High School teachers, who are interested in our book and have said that they will recommend it to their school libraries. If I could get about a dozen copies of that circular, I would send them to about as many people who would be interested in the book. This would mean many more people who would thus get to see and perhaps also buy or recommend the book. I have painted another sketch of the picture for the jacket which I shall exhibit in the leading book store here in Louisville as soon as the book is for sale.