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The others were hunting buffalo and preparing skins for their new lodges, of which they stood greatly in need. They were in the country lying north of the forty-eighth degree of north latitude. The work of hunting nomadic tribes over so vast an extent of country requires much time, but we succeeded to such an extent that, on the 17th of August, we had collected the following into a camp within a mile of the fort, viz:

	Lodges.
Shooters in the Pines - - - - -	151
Yanktonais - - - - -	113
Tatkannais - - - - -	120
Unkapapas - - - - -	69
Total	<u>453</u>

These lodges, with their inmates, were counted accurately on the 19th of August, and there were in all 2,883 persons, an average of a little over six persons to a lodge. In this a very large proportion, probably two-thirds, were children under fourteen years of age. Of those which we had hoped to have brought in, but did not find, we were able to identify with tolerable accuracy the following, viz:

	Lodges.
Yellow Liver	60
Black Tiger.	24
Long Sioux	28
White Eagle	30
Scattering lodges which had left from time to time	40
Total	<u>182</u>

Yellow Liver has, no doubt, returned to Sitting Bull's camp. White Eagle has probably gone down the river toward Buford, while the others have, no doubt, scattered off to the north of Milk River. Some lodges of the Shooters in the Pines also went off down the river on account of a quarrel with Medicine Bear, but their numbers were unimportant. The last-mentioned one hundred and eighty-two lodges, with the exception of Yellow Liver's sixty lodges, properly belong to those who may now be considered as so far attracted to this post, that they will not easily be estranged, so long as they are not neglected by the Government, and there is good reason to believe that Yellow Liver will return and bring others with him, judging from his friendly disposition while at the post. But, excluding entirely the one hundred and eighty-two lodges which we know nothing about personally,