

each man made his own mask. The color of his mask depended upon what time of the day he received the wood to make the mask. Now what I mean by receiving the wood--the Indian in the clan--that was a False Face Dancer, would go to the woods; he went in the morning in to the woods--he went into the woods--went to this particular tree that he would make his mask out of--which was most generally sycamore, or cottonwood. Take Indian tobacco, burn Indian tobacco at the foot of the tree--pray to God and pray to the tree that the spirit would give him this mask. And now if he take it in the morning, this mask would be made red. And if his mask was taken afternoon, it would be made black. Now he carved in this mask in the way he saw fit to carve it. This particular mask would be worn in his face--over his face during their dances. As generally the costume in this dance was the wooden mask, topped off with horse hair tails, hung over each side to represent hair, generally had a shiny peice of metal of some sort in the eye part to give the appearance of something real scary--naked body, except his breechclout, deerhook rattles around on his legs where we wear dance bells today; moccasins, and medicine pouch on his side and also a pouch that they told me they carried fresh manure in. Usually cow manure. And this particular medicine that these men used, I don't know what the medicine is today--I don't remember what herb it was, but I know though this, that they could take this herb and partake of it as a tea, wash their hands in it and that's the reason they could walk on red hot coals or handle red hot coals in their hand and it would not burn 'em. And they would apply this same medicine on the person they were doctoring. Usually the way they doctored--they would place the man in their chair, or something that he could sit on in the middle of a room. The one singer would sing, they'd have these rattles and the rest of them would sing the songs and shake the rattles and they danced around this particular person, while they administered these hot coals across his body to remove