

(conversation begins discussing Iseeo, who used to keep eagles in a cage to get their feathers)

— and feed him wild animals, rabbits, and whatever he killed and raw meat. And they soon grow full maturity. With nice pretty feathers. After they mature, he takes the feathers out, and make war bonnet. Then he put them back in there and feed them and have another new feathers come out. He just keep them for the feathers.

EAGLE FEATHERS:

(Did he use the tail feathers, or wing feathers?)

He use mostly the tail feathers--tail feathers of the Golden Eagle or them dark eagles. It seems that the hens are different from the males. The hen--I don't know the difference myself, but just like any other fowl, the males are different from the females, and the hens, I think, are just dark feathers and the males pure white with dark tip feathers. And right under the down they have down feathers almost a foot long--about that long. Pretty--just snow white and about that puffy. And the Indians take those and put one on this side and one on this side of a buckskin dress of a woman's--lady's buckskin dress, with beads and in the wind it flutters. Put one in back, too.

MANNER OF CAPTURING EAGLES, AND HUNTING THEM:

(I'll bet it's pretty.)

Pretty, yes. And I know that old man, Iseeo, he keeps them. (eagles) Well, he's not the only one that gets eagles for feathers. They don't--old-timers don't kill eagles for the feathers. They catch them alive. They--I never did do it myself, but I heard how they done it. I told you how they do it, but I never did try to go out and practice it--I'm afraid of them! They got long claws. They just--and they're stout. Some of them, their legs are pretty near as big as your wrist, and they got a lot of power. But--but the old Indian say, way back there, they get out somewhere next to the mountain, on the prairie and they'd make a hole about big as this table--square, deep. Then they set in there. Then they cover it with poles--poles they cross. Then put in some leaves--brush, to hide it. And then on top of those bushes they lay on top--they lay carcass of some kind of meat. They lay the carcass on there, and then they'd tie that meat down so they can't carry it off. They tie it down. And then they hide in there in the den,