

box supper variety. The Indian is a proud man for his son or relative who has come back in good health or glad to see their relation come back alive. They show their gratitude to the Almighty by sacrificing food, blankets, money to the members of their tribe or visitors.

When the game is completed there is usually supper served. You have to have your own dishes and chairs to eat on and you got it made. Sometimes there is a hand game after supper and refreshments are served after the second hand game. The people sure like this game as it is a very joyous occasion for all young and old. When the guessers are good this can cause a lot of time on the guessers part as they can get the hiders right away. If you are a good hider you can make a good guesser sit down and get ready for the next guesser for the next game.

Sometimes different tribes are invited as the hand game is played by all the Plains Indians and a challenge is a challenge. Then things get hot and exciting. The drummers sing their best songs and the women dress in their finest shawls, blankets, rings and whatever to make themselves look good for the occasion. The people who are invited usually help in any fund raising or are in turn helped for coming such a long way.

The guessers go for prizes on the table which is money or a blanket for each side. The one who wins the most games for their side is the winner. Chances are sometimes sold on groceries or a blanket for whatever the occasion is for.

The hand game is a very popular game among all the Plains Indians and whenever you hear of a hand game you will make all effort to get there and you might meet a friend. This is one way an Indian helps his friend and organization.

The Indian is very helpful to his people who are in need, especially if you have lost a loved one. They will bring you money, food, blankets, and goods. Relatives help during the four days of mourning by not letting the mourners fool with the food as this is all handled for them.