

see, and the prayers, especially. I know it had that effect on me once or twice. I remember one time there were Kiowas, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Caddo, Otoe--several tribes in there. I didn't do nothing, I just sat on the side. I heard them prayers. The Kiowas prayed. A Kiowa woman prayed. Oh, that beautiful language! Just seemed like them prayer words was coming--got piled up by that altar. And pretty soo an Otoe man prayed--in the Otoe language. It seemed like them prayers was flying to that pile. And then the Comanche--I understand Comanche--them Comanche words, you know. Beautiful language. And then a Cheyenne woman prayed. Seemed like them prayers was heaping up. Then an Arapaho man prayed--I could understand that pretty good. It seemed like it just took all those prayers and heaped them up. Stack them up. No useless words--all prayer words. All for the good--not only for those that were in there--but for their families and their tribes in general. Those--that prayer was beautiful--the nice-- But above all the beautiful tone of the language--Kiowas, Comanche, Cheyenne, Arapaho--just like birds. I thought--thought myself I never seen a bird of paradise, but I can hear the birds of paradise in here. That's the way I thought in my mind. Beautiful! Then when they fumed that cedar in there, it seemed like all those prayers were fumigated. The cedar smell smelled nice. Beautiful! Beautiful! Beyond language expression! That's where you see an Indian as an Indian--in the regular everyday life, when they're dressed up. Hair parted good-black. Earrings, and Indian dress and Indian features. You can look at him and see typical American Indian--found on this continent. I'm one of them. I think of those things once in a while. Wonderful! And the music--no words. Oh, once in a while they put words in there, but the music itself is beautiful! You can hear a tenor--I'm a musician--I've studied classical music. I've heard--what's his name--Caruso--sing. All those fine operatic singers. But there's nothing equals this peyote