BONE ROPE SPREADER AND KIOWA HEADDRESS

Who give you that?

(It belongs to the museum. It's not mine. It's a childs. Sit down over here. I wanted you to see this bone here.)

Some of that's gone.

(Yes. Part of that rope spreader's broken off.)

Oh, that's a old one. I wonder who used to own that.

(We don't know. We don't even know what tribe it is.)

Really old.

(Did the Kiowa's ever make anything like that?)

There's a man that makes them. Hat dress they call it. The hat dress of a war dance--headdress. And this has got a eagle feather. It's got to be eagle feather. That is to make what they believe. They are worn by the members of the War Dance, or Gourd Clan or Blackfoot. The three clans, they can wear them. And this is made out of a bone that's cut off. This is put in there. It spreads that out like this.

(Spreads the hair out?)

You see, it goes way back in here. Then it sets right on top of this. You tie that right around here, you see. I'd like to know who made that. That's been a long time.

(What kind of bone would they use for that?)

They'd use any kind of a bone. Now this part here is a eagle's wing. And this thing, you know, is made out of a deer ribs. You know, right in the ribs there, it's flat. I know they just scrape it and make it thin like this--this part. This part is the eagle. That's eagle. It grows right in the wing. See, it's got a hole in it. They didn't make a hole but that's natural that way. And