

man. You know, you go into Kresses, you see a lot of whistles. They're made that way. But he's got something to put in there to make it whistle. I'd like to hear it when it whistles. You take, maybe the hole is too big or maybe it's too small--you can get different sounds.

HOW CRAFTSMEN SPLIT BONE WITH THE AID OF FIRE

(I want to ask you another question about this rope spreader. Did they ever make things out of the shoulder blade?)

You mean of a cow?

(Yeah, or a deer or a buffalo. You know, where it's flat on the shoulder blade?)

Yeah. They got to get something that is flat. Sometimes, I saw an old man make them out of a leg in the front quarter of a cow. But when you go to splitting the bone, it'll crack. You've got to be careful just how you make it, you see. And this old man, he made it--it was like this. It was flat all right here, but he wanted to get that apart. So he cuts it down this way, see? On both sides.

(Yeah. What did he use to cut it with?)

He's got a--oh, I've got one of them too, but I don't know where I put it. Its a--oh, let me get it. I don't know what you call one of these. Now, it's something like this.

(Like an ice-pick?)

But they make this part out of steel. And they take this and he'll work right in here, see? He'll generally work along like that. Sometimes they burn it.

(Oh, they do?)

They burn it and then they get a little whatchucallit in there. A