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AN INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HAY, (EUCHEE INDIAN)
SIX MILES NORTHWEST OF KELLYVILLE, OKLAHOMA

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

In early days the Euchee Indians had a musical instrument called the Indian flute. It was made out of hard wood.

The younger generation does not know much about that instrument, but few of the older ones know a little about it. It was made like the white man's clarinet or flute. It had a lot of little holes in it and it was hollowed out and the mouth piece was like a toy whistle. When it was blown it would produce a sad sound.

The Eucheas were the ones that used this Indian flute. They would play tunes of Indian songs on this instrument. It was brought from Florida to this country, but since the Indians have been here, it has got away from them. They do not have any more of the Indian flutes. The Indians of today do not know how to make them and some do not know what one looks like. Just a very few of the old Indians know this instrument and did play it.

John Hay was the owner of one, but it has rotted and been destroyed.

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