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An interview with Clarence Brown,  
Euchee man, 25 miles at Iron Post  
South of Bristow, Oklahoma.

#### Old Indian Pottery

Mr. Clarence Brown says there were few Indians in the Euchee tribe that made pottery in early days. There was one man by the name of Gon cha cha Bicktrot that made the clay pottery. He was well known for making his pottery, for he knew how to make the best pottery.

This man would use the white clay of the earth to make the pottery; such as pots, bowls, and other numerous things. It is said that this old man made wonderful pottery out of clay in early times. This old man would take the clay and shape it the way he wanted it and bake it in a real hot fire. He would bake the pottery until it was real hard.

For coloring the pottery, he would use red rock paint. He would beat the red rock paint into a powder form and he would use this powder to mix with the wet clay in order to give it the color of brick red.

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There is no more pottery makers in this  
tribe any more.

Editor's Note: Rufus George, the Inter-  
viewer, is a fullblood Euchee and his manuscripts are  
not changed as to wording, fearing the English version  
might lose much of value in his record of the interview.

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An Interview with Clarence Brown,  
Kuckee Indian, Nine miles south  
of Bristow, Oklahoma.

#### INDIAN DOCTOR RULINGS

Mr. Clarence Brown says: In early times the Indian doctors had very strict health rulings. It is said that the few Indian doctors who are living today still have their rules for the Indians to follow and carry out, but very few of them follow the doctor's rules. That is the reason there are not as many Indians as there were in early times. So very few of the Indians go to the Indian doctors for any kind of sickness. Most of them go to the white doctors. The Indian doctors have a great many rules. Some of them are like this:

##### Rule I

When anyone goes to an Indian doctor, he must bring some new cloth if he wishes to be doctored; or he can give the doctor a small amount of money. The person is more likely to be cured, if he helps the Indian doctor.

##### Rule II

Unhealthy children are not allowed to go to an Indian funeral, or eat the Indian feast for a person who has passed away, because it weakens and makes them more unhealthy.

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Rule III

Widows and widowers are not allowed to touch young children, for if they do the children will be sickly.

Rule IV

When a member of a family dies, the rest of the family must be doctored by the Medicine Man, or they will become sick.

Rule V

During the feast for a person who has died all children and grown persons must behave and watch what they do. If they happen to fall, and hurt themselves, they will never be healed.

Rule VI

Young children must not play on grave yard dirt; if they do their bones will ache, and they will become weak.

Rule VII

After a burial everyone attending must go back to the house of the one that left, and wash his hands and face in some medicine made by the medicine man. If they do not, their minds will be bothered by the memory of the corpse.

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Rule VIII

No one is allowed to drink liquer while being dectered by the medicine man, fer if he does he will not be cured.