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Muskogee, I. T.,

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My dear Barde:

Hotgun is a real character and a fullblood of the old school. He has as many sides as a centipede has legs, being a genius at most anything he tries his hand. He is known among the fullbloods as the "Eto Kalafa" and "Helis Hiyah" and "Chato Paaha" ---wood whittler, medicine maker and iron pounder. Among the young bucks that like to frolic he is known as the "Hiechka Hieecha" ---fiddler.

This interesting Indian lives about twenty-five miles west of Eufaula, near the Weogufky "stomp" ground. His cabin nestles among the wooded hills quite removed from the others in the neighborhood. It is the home of the true lover of nature, as much so as was Thoreau's Walden. A little foot path, worn down to the red clay in places, winds away from

the back door to a spring at the foot of the hill.

I am not aware that Hotgun ever posed for his picture except in the group taken at the federal jail here several years ago when he was a prisoner of the Snake war. The picture was not a good one and I have never seen it since. In order to get a likeness of him I think you would have to go to his home with your kodak. And it would be worth while too, for you could see him on his native heath and get the facts you desire at first hand.

I do not know what Hotgun thinks of the "Fus Fixico Letters", but I imagine he takes kindly to them. His sense of humor is too keen not to appreciate the remarks quoted as coming from him.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

ALEX POSEY

Mr. F. S. Barde, Guthrie, Ok.

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My dear Barde:

Pascova means a public square. Long ago the different Creek clans lived in villages. Located in the center of each village was a square plot of ground, roofed over by an arbor, known as Pascova, where the chiefs and headmen held their meetings and the annual busk or fast was celebrated. Sometimes the Big House or council house, was built upon this area instead of the arbor. During the festival season, much care was bestowed upon the square. It was swept daily and sprinkled with white sand. In and out of season, it was considered sacred ground.

The Snake Indians have a Pascova at

Hickory Ground -- perhaps the only real one the
Creeks have at this time.

Very truly yours

ALEX POSEY