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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Wittenberg Indian School,

Wittenberg, Wis., July 24, 1908.

Mr. Harry L. George,
General Commission Merchant,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, relative to baskets made by these Winnebagos, I have to state as follows:

These Indians are very good basket makers, making them of splints of ash.

All of the Indians make baskets. Among some of the best basket maker are Mrs. Twoerow, Mrs. Jim Pine, Mrs. Decora and Anna Bell, all of Wittenberg.

The baskets are made of splints. Some are of very fine splints and some, coarse. There are all kinds from the small work basket to the large clothes' basket. The baskets made are both useful and ornamental. Those made with no colors are more lasting, but, of course, they are prettier with colors. You can get baskets at nearly any price, according to the size and amount of work put on them, from 25¢ to several dollars.

They can be purchased thru me or from the Indians themselves, but very few of the Indians would understand how to ship them. They would in all probability have me to attend to the matter if you were to address them.

Very respectfully,

E. J. Post,
Superintendent.

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