

Lincoln, Nebr., May 28th, 1914.

Mr. Harry L. George,
St. Joseph, Mo.,

Dear Mr. George:-

I have recently come into possession of several nice articles which you may wish and which I will describe below.

One is a scraper which I doubt if you have any thing like it in your collection. It is made of Elk bone and instead of being L shape it is straight, has a joint in it which has been made stiff in some way by hardening the muscles at the joint, it has the original scraper blade attached to it which is serrated or saw edge, also has an old piece of buffalo hide thong attached to it, this is the only one of this kind I have ever had or seen, I procured it from a party who got it from a private collection of a man who had had it for over thirty years himself--\$10.00.

Have a horn spoon, black, think it is buffalo horn or mountain goat horn, carved on the handle, the handle represents some mythological animal or bird, this is an interesting as well as rare spoon, \$5.00.

Both these pieces are old and seen much use, the first is Crow and the latter is Sioux.

Also have a very fine and handsome "sun dance robe" made of very thick Elk skin of the entire animal, was very fortunate in getting this piece recently from a man who has had it for a good many years. This is covered with a pictograph writing representing the sun dance and buffalo hunt. It shows the sun dance lodge and the sun dance in operation, also a number of Indians around a large tom-tom making music for the dancers, it shows the chief on horseback with long white bonnet on directing the operation of the sun dance, shows the thunder heard above the lodge pole also the altar which contains the buffalo a part of the sun dance mythology, also shows a large buffalo hunt, probably a hundred figures, riders after buffalo, in all sorts of positions imaginable, one horse being gored by a buffalo, several killed buffalo laying down showing their wounds, several parties cutting up buffalo and skinning them, others loading them on ponies, some chasing buffalo and again buffalo chasing rider. As stated this contains over a hundred different pictures, it also shows the tepee lodges or medicine lodges of the hunters. It is a work of art in every respect and is a fine museum specimen and I could not do justice to it by describing it, the party I got it from said he knows positively that it was in one mans collection for over thirty years. I am holding this at \$100.00 and would not care to accept less. If you are interested in it would be glad to allow you to inspect it and if you do not want it will probably offer it to some museum, as I believe most any of them would be glad of the opportunity of having it. *The Price is Crow*

I have two bone game sticks with carving on them of deer, bear, men etc, very old gambling bones one at \$3.50 and one at \$4.50.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Vern Thornburgh

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