

When the people were going out for the winter, the old man and wife with daughter were supposed to stay; many wanted to marry but she refused for she thought it would look bad to leave her folks. There was a good hunter wanted her, and that he would stay with the old people and look after them.

Notes added to this: son in law out hunting and saving meat for himself. In spring can hear from one bank to another so old man thought that he could hear people calling from hill to hill for they were due to return; buffalo came to the bank, facing south and old man thought he would chase the animal away so stood still thinking son in law would get chance to kill it; then buf went back and old man thought he would go where the buf had been and saw the four tracks and in the middle of them a small lot of blood and thought the son-in-law had wounded it and thought he would take it home to eat so wrapped it in blanket on some grass and took home. Asks to put kettle on fire but when she took the blood it was a boy

People having rights in the ceremony were Missouri River, Raven Paunch, Kirapi Hatskic or Long Bull or Seated Scattered, High Hump, Crow Flies High Dog Bear the last giving it are all that can be remembered.

Dog Bear gave medicine feast to get his father's (Mo R.) Imitating Buffalo Ceremony, Poor Wolf the singer and 'father' to Dog Bear (The people were on a buffalo hunt and chased some buffaloes and while they were there Dog Bear promised the Ceremony and told Mrs Poor Wolf about it and that they had to find a buffalo head.) Can't use any head but an old buffalo bull with no teeth. At this time they could not find any old buffalo, only young ones so she told the people about the promise and it was up to the people to get one, no matter who got one, had to keep it and turn it over to him. They travelled over towards Rainy Buttes and came back to this side of the buttes but could not find an old one. They came east and came again and saw a lone buffalo and some men went out and hid in waiting and killed it and it was one of the oldest buffaloes that there is; he was all alone for when they get that old, they go alone. The people thought that Dog Bear had made a promise and that he could not find a buffalo head old enough and the people thought that it must be true what Blood Man had said and that the buffalo had come up himself so that they could get his head for the ceremony.

It was Poor Wolf's job to get the head but Dog Bear told his wife instead
Holy Women did not have own singer then for Cherry Necklace was dead.

When the ceremony started out, wife is supposed to be a daughter in law of the Buffalo and she was told that she would have to live with her husband all the time and that if he died, she wanted to she could make an oath at time of his death never to marry and then the men would not ask her to marry. But while she was living with her husband, if she ran away or was not sexually true, since she had been promised to live to old age, she would break up all the good luck she was supposed to have.

Bring in a plant from the mts for incense, grows in a knot at bottom and paint out (sent to Dickinson to get name)

BA a spectator, go in the evening early and arrange themselves according to the plan drawn here. When all seated, Dog Bear fills the pipe and takes it to Poor Wolf and Poor Wolf lights the pipe and fills it, uses hide rattles with stones, two of them tied together, to use for the songs. As soon as Poor wolf finished the smoke, he sang and finishing prayed

(When they were up to Dickinson, Kidney was the leader and said that they wanted Dog Bear to take the lead of the hunters and Dog Bear thought that he should perform the ceremony and by promising to give the ceremony his hunters would not have any bad luck at this time for so often the hunters were hurt when chasing the buffalo. So he went outside and made the promise that he was going to take up his father's god, the very old buffalo.)

Ceremony was given during the summer. Iron Eyes there with a snare, custom to select an eagle trapper to come with a snare and 'snare the animals.' A Ree was invited in to act as the stranger and wear the head the next day when dancing.

During the night sing at four different times (Rattles Medicine wanted to learn the songs but he refused, being a woman she could not take part, holy women and men do not have to stay all night, but Bug Woman, Dog Bear, the dancer, Poor Wolf, and Rattles Medicine also Iron Eyes must stay there all night. Each times Dog Bear takes the pipe to Poor Wolf, he takes goods to him. There is no eating during the night but towards morning they eat pemmican, the reason they do not eat is in remembrance of the old woman and their wife who were starving when Blood Man came along. In the morning they can give back the pemmican and break the fast for when Blood Man came he butchered a buffalo and there was a big feast.

Next day In old times had buffalo hide of hair inside with it turned down at top so the dancer's moccasin called 'Straight toe, painted red all over. and the head of the old buffalo over so it comes down his back and on the back they tie evergreen which grows on ground. (This data furnished by Bears Arm, Mrs. White Duck, and Mrs. Wiedman together) Two groups essential in the ceremony, the Holy Women Society who helped Blood Man fill the scaffolds, the Black Mouths for they policed the buffalo hunt rigorously, at Knife River no special lodge but met in a lodge of some man with a large one and paid for the use of it but at Fishhook they paid the Mandans to use theirs as it was so much larger than those of the Hidatsa.

First thing they do is to prepare the pemmican with grease to have ready at sunrise. Poor Wolf's wife painted the dancer with red paint, then paints Bug Woman's face, she does the painting for when in old times if one happy painted themselves and she bought the right to do the painting in this ceremony. it coming down from her mother or some older person.

Before sunrise, all the men, holy women, Black Mouths, and spectators came back and by the time they came in, the pemmican was ready. The spectators came in this way for they would get a fine feast

There are cornballs ready, mix the pemmican with a large wooden spoon belonging to Rattles Medicine and she does the mixing and bought that right of mother who got it of Root, Woman in Water's mother, Rattles Medicine giving a horse to own mother for right to have and use the spoon in the ceremony.

When the food is all ready, Poor Wolf sings a song and holds it up to four directions and thanks Blood Man for the buffalo. Then Poor Wolf gets a wooden basket full of it, coiled basket, Dog Bear none, the dancer, a pan full and all the rest a handful, Dog Bear is fasting and cannot eat; They give some of the evergreens to each of the Black Mouths and Holy Women Society, Rattles Medicine, Bug Woman, Bug Woman wears her robe hair side out, a waist band and tied up close at the neck with one arm out. They put a nice belt around the robe around Bug Woman's should and a little bag with dog medicine attached to it, bird claws on the bag also. Reason they have this dog medicine for when mating, get angry and foam at mouth and when fight, if bite one, it poisons them, same way with wolf at that time and just like rattlesnake so for this reason, takes medicine to her and if anyone bite, she can be called in to cure person. Is a mixture of herbs and a song.

TRattles Medicine had a owl to a belt around should and an evergreen inner belt. Poor Wolf called to Raven Paunch to put the evergreen on her belt and he took one, prayed for her that she would live a good life, have luck, and live to be old and then stuck the evergreen into her belt. Then she passed the pemmican

In going out, Bug Woman is first, then the dancer follows and then the rest have no order in particular. Bug Woman stops somewhere in the middle of the village and all call out at once "Come out and chase this buffalo." Iron Eyes does not go out but stays inside all the time with his loop making signs of snaring the game and singing the eagle trapping songs, he does this all the time for he wants to get more goods for his part in snaring the buffalo.

Poor Wolf was dressed in a robe with hair out, white buffalo hide 12" wide around head and one raven feather in the hair. As soon as the call out "Come out and chase the buffalo" and then Poor Wolf sings to the end and when he finishes singing, the dancer gets down on his knees. This dancer was named File (used on knives and axes) Coyote Head was the main announcer and bought that right for this ceremony. While they are dancing outside, the Black Mouths keep calling all the time and the holy women have the holy women carry much pemmican and if one wants two pans full, he must pay two things for it; then he will take it to his girls and the girls

have to take it; if a man gives a horse, he gets a whole bag full and then he gives it to his girl; they never give any of this to their relatives and Rattles Medicine takes whatever the men pay and Coyote Head, head of the announcers takes the goods along.

Then they move on to another place and dance and do the same thing again, Poor Wolf sings one song over and over in these dances on the outside. (Feather in Head carries a calf skin filled with Pemmican on her back, head cut off and a neck to tie it up with. Bought this right extra to carry the calf in the dance.) It is alright to give pemmican to two or three women for he has a chance to marry them but a girl would not take from several men or people would talk so a woman should know before marrying a young man that he may want her to take 'buffalo' a god and most of the young men interested in this ceremony have hopes of later giving the ceremony so she should know before taking things whether she wants him or not. The number of times they dance depends on the amount of pemmican lasts. When it is all gone, Rattles Medicine runs up to Bug Woman and shakes her and then Bug Woman runs to the lodge and all the others with her.

They can give out all the pemmican except what they have in the calf, but when back in the lodge what is in calf goes to Dog Bear. It was Poor Wolf's job to see to the gathering up of the meat for the pemmican, getting it when they were out by Rainy Buttes, and when at Dickinson traded some of the hides for other food and when they were through trading, he gave Indians tobacco.

In beginning old man had found blood and put in robe and old woman found the child, so the people thought they came from blood so they use that hay in the ceremony, Poor Wolf takes the hay sand grass, dips it in water and wipes off all the dancers, Bug Woman, Dog Bear, Black Mouths, Holy Women, and even spectators may come up and be sprinkled, but the spectators by this time have gone home and usually not here for they have come only for the pemmican and have that already. Poor Wolf takes the buffalo bundle made up of a hide of head and neck, evergreens and hands to Dog Bear and Dog Bear said, "Do not have any rules" and Poor Wolf said, "There will be no rules" and putting a piece of pemmican on the skull he said, "You will get this without any rules." Now Dog Bear has the right to have the medicines but if he wanted to be the singer in the ceremony, he would have to pay Poor Wolf extra, buying him out but the singer in the ceremony gets special training. This gave Dog Bear right to doctor, call the buffaloes, and go on warfare.

In giving out the goods, Poor Wolf would tell the dancer to take his pick out of the goods and the dancer would keep track of the number of times they stopped to dance and gets an article for each time they stopped. The acira, Iron Eyes picked out four articles, for staying there while the others were out dancing. The Black Mouths each took one article, same way with the Holy Women Society and what left in there is Poor Wolf's but if there is still much left, he can, if he wishes, give some to the older of the Holy Women and Black Mouths.

Dog Bear's father Missouri River was dead but even if living Poor Wolf and daughter would have been there still for they had definite place and Mo. River would have been just in front of the spectators for the front row of spectators are holy men too but not taking any particular part.

When Mo R. died, his wife Root remained single and was a daughter in law of the buffaloes.

Crow Fly High saw the buffaloes and decided to take up his father's medicine, father dead at the time and had it up at Buford and Guts took the part of Poor Wolf at the Fishhook.