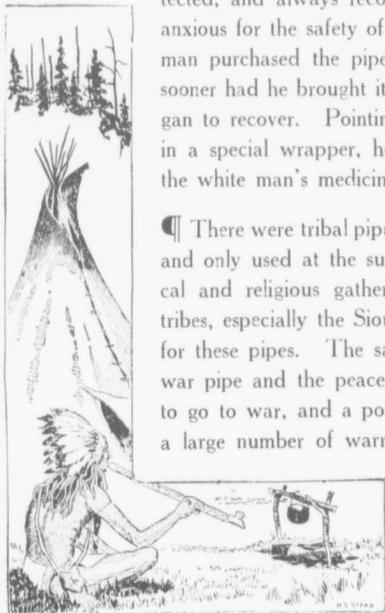


man. It did not seem to regain its strength, and the father was very anxious for the recovery of his child. A change took place, and at last complete restoration to health. As we sat in the lodge, the chief informed us that several years ago the head chief, Red Crow, had purchased a medicine pipe from an Indian, which possessed great virtue, and he had given ten horses for it. We were rather suspicious about the price, but allowed the chief to relate his story. During all the time that Red Crow owned the pipe he had been protected, and always recovered from sickness. Being anxious for the safety of his child, Blackfoot Old Woman purchased the pipe from Red Crow, and no sooner had he brought it to his lodge than his child began to recover. Pointing to the pipe, neatly enclosed in a special wrapper, he said: 'That is stronger than the white man's medicine.' "



¶ There were tribal pipes, which were highly esteemed, and only used at the sun dance, and important political and religious gatherings. Among some of the tribes, especially the Sioux, sacred tents were provided for these pipes. The sacred tribal pipes included the war pipe and the peace pipe. When it was decided to go to war, and a powerful war party was desired, a large number of warriors were invited to a lodge,