

68 The *Via Lactea* or Milky Way. The Dakotas call it *Wanagee-Tach-anku*—The path-way of the spirits; and believe that over this path the spirits of the dead pass to the Spirit-land. See Riggs' *Tah-koo Wah-kan*, p. 101.

69 Oon-Ktay-he. There are many Unktéhees, children of the Great Unktéhee, who created the earth and man, and who formerly dwelt in a vast cavern under the Falls of St. Anthony. The Unktéhee sometimes reveals himself in the form of a huge buffalo-bull. From him proceed invisible influences. The Great Unktéhee created the earth. "Assembling in grand conclave all the aquatic tribes he ordered them to bring up dirt from beneath the waters, and proclaimed death to the disobedient. The beaver and otter forfeited their lives. At last the muskrat went beneath the waters, and, after a long time, appeared at the surface, nearly exhausted, with some dirt. From this, Unktéhee fashioned the earth into a large circular plain. The earth being finished, he took a deity, one of his own offspring, and grinding him to powder, sprinkled it upon the earth, and this produced many worms. The worms were then collected and scattered again. They matured into infants and these were then collected and scattered and became full-grown Dakotas. The bones of the mastodon, the Dakotas think are the bones of Unktéhees, and they preserve them with the greatest care in the medicine bag." Neill's *Hist. Minn.*, p. 55. The Unktéhees and the Thunder-birds are perpetually at war. There are various accounts of the creation of man. Some say that at the bidding of the Great Unktéhee, men sprang full grown from the caverns of the earth. See Riggs' *Tah-koo. Wahnán*, and Mrs. Eastman's *Dacotah*. The Great Unktéhee and the Great Thunder-bird had a terrible battle in the bowels of the earth to determine which should be the ruler of the world. See description in *Legend of Winona*.

70 Pronounced Ahng-pay-too-wee—The Sun; literally the Day-Sun, thus distinguishing him from Han-yé-tuwee (*Hahng-yay-too-wee*) the night sun, (the moon). They are twin brothers, but Anpétuwee is the more powerful. Han-yé-tuwee receives his power from his brother and obeys him. He watches over the earth while the sun sleeps. The Dakotas believe the sun is the father of life. Unlike the most of their other gods, he is beneficent and kind; yet they worship him (in the sun-dance) in the most dreadful manner. See Riggs' *Takhoo Wakan*, pp. 81-2, and Catlin's *Okeec*