

wide. These were spaced two inches apart. Between the two strips she inserted diagonal squares of cream buckskin. On the center of each square she sewed a brown buckskin dot about one half inch in diameter. Brown dots of the same size were spaced about three inches apart around the two strips that formed the outer edge of the yoke. The same design was wrought around the bottom of the blouse and on the cuffs of the sleeves, but the cuff pattern was only half the size of that around the yoke and blouse. The same design was also wrought around the bottom of the skirt, but there were two rows of the diagonal squares staggered with a third buckskin strip between the two. On the front of her blouse she wrought beautiful designs of flowers in colored beads. The shoulders and outer seams of the sleeves of her blouse were adorned with a mixture of cream and brown buckskin fringes, about two inches long, and both sides of the skirt were decorated in the same manner. The outer side of her buckskin leggings were also fringed and decorated with beaded flowers, but of much smaller design than that on her blouse and skirt. She wore a necklace of shells and when wild flowers were in bloom she always wore a red rose in her hair. In her moccasins bedecked with beads of varied color that blended with the beautiful shades of her costume, she walked about with gentle grace befitting a queen.

Meeting Silver Cloud

In a previous chapter I told where I had entered into an agreement with White Wing to make me a bow and two arrows in exchange for my jackknife. I was anxious to learn the art of bow making so that I could make my own bows and arrows, and asked White Wing if I might watch him while he was working on them. He said I could but he always made them at their camp fire in the evening, as he required the fire to toughen the fibre of the wood and shape the bow. Before I could trade away my jackknife to White Wing I had to get my father's consent, so I asked him if I might go to Grey Eagle's camp and watch White Wing while he