



## Grammar and Dictionary of the Language of the Hidatsa (Minnetarees, Grosventres of the Missouri): With an Introductory Sketch of the Tribe (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Grammar and Dictionary of the Language of the Hidatsa (Minnetarees, Grosventres of the Missouri): With an Introductory Sketch of the Tribe The way in which agriculture is conducted is of the most primitive character, the ground is turned up with hoes, and five years ago the aboriginal hoe made from the shoulder blade of the buffalo was still largely in use. Nothing know they, of course, of the science of agriculture and year after year the unchanged seed of the same plant is stuck down, not only in the same piece of ground, but in the very same hole out of which the roots of last year s plant Were pulled. Add to the imperfect modes of cultivation the further disadvantages of a cold and dry climate, a short season, an inferior soil, the frequent incursions of hordes of grasshoppers, and the dangers from the attacks of inimical tribes, and it may readily be conjectured that the rewards of husbandry are but poorly proportioned to the labor expended; and such is the case, their crops only partly aid...



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