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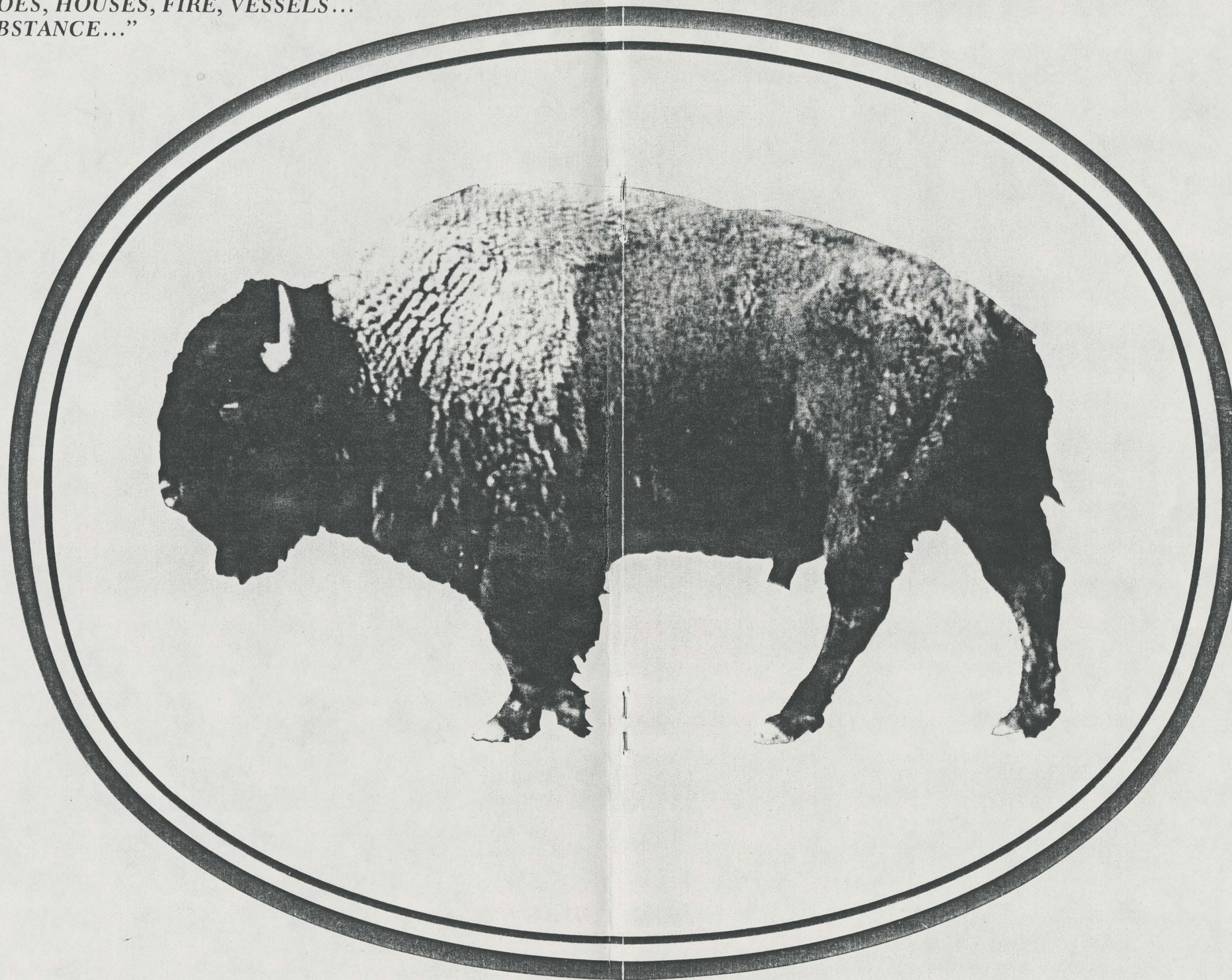
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# NATURE'S BOUNTIFUL COMMISSARY FOR THE PLAINS INDIANS

"THE BUFFALO WERE...

MEAT, DRINK, SHOES, HOUSES, FIRE, VESSELS...

AND THEIR MASTERS' WHOLE SUBSTANCE..."



## RAWHIDE...

Containers  
Shields  
Buckets  
Moccasin Soles  
Drums  
Splints  
Mortars  
Cinches  
Ropes  
Sheaths  
Saddles  
Saddle Blankets  
Stirrups  
Bull Boats  
Masks  
"Parfleche"  
Ornaments  
Lariats  
Straps  
Caps  
Quirts  
Snowshoes  
Shrouds

## BUCKSKIN...

Cradles  
Moccasin Tops  
Winter Robes  
Bedding  
Shirts  
Belts  
Leggings  
Dresses  
Bags  
Quivers  
Tipi Covers  
Tipi Liners  
Bridles  
Backrests  
Tapestries  
Sweatlodge Covers  
Dolls  
Mittens

## HORNS...

Arrow Points  
Cups  
Fire Carrier  
Powderhorn  
Spoons  
Ladles  
Headdresses  
Signals  
Toys  
Medication

## SKULL...

Sun Dance  
Medicine Prayers  
Other Rituals

## BRAIN...

Hide Preparation  
Food

## BEARD...

Ornamentations

## TEETH...

Ornamentations

## TONGUE...

Choice Meat  
Comb (Rough Side)

## BLOOD...

Soups  
Puddings  
Paints

## MEAT...

Immediate Use  
Sausages  
Cached Meat  
Jerky (Dehydrated)  
Pemmican (Processed)

## TENDONS...

Sinews — Sewing  
Bowstrings

## HAIR...

Headdresses  
Pad Fillers  
Pillows  
Ropes  
Ornaments  
Hair Pieces  
Halters  
Bracelets  
Medicine Balls  
Moccasin Lining  
Doll Stuffing

## MUSCLES...

Glue Preparation  
Bows  
Thread  
Arrow Ties  
Cinches

## FAT...

Tallow  
Soaps  
Hair Grease  
Cosmetic Aids

## BONES...

Fleshing Tools  
Pipes  
Knives  
Arrowheads  
Shovels  
Splints  
Sleds  
Saddle Trees  
War Clubs  
Scrapers  
Quirts  
Awls  
Paintbrushes  
Game Dice  
Tableware  
Toys  
Jewelry

## BLADDER...

Pouches  
Medicine Bags

## STOMACH CONTENTS...

Medicines  
Paints

## STOMACH LINER...

Water Containers  
Cooking Vessels

## PAUNCH LINER...

Wrappings (Meat)  
Buckets  
Collapsible Cups  
Basins  
Canteens

## LIVER...

Tanning Agents

## SCROTUM...

Rattles  
Containers

## GALL...

Yellow Paints

## TAIL...

Medicine Switch  
Fly Brush  
Decorations  
Whips

## HIND LEG SKIN...

Preshaped Moccasin

## HOOFS, FEET & DEWCLAWS...

Glue  
Rattles  
Spoons

## CHIPS...

Fuel  
Diaper Powder

"AND YET—THERE WAS MORE, MUCH MORE, TO THE RELATION BETWEEN INDIAN AND BUFFALO THAN ALL THESE MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS."