



KETTLES

If you didn't have a metal pot or pan, what would you use for cooking? Indians in North America used clay pots or buffalo stomachs to cook food. This didn't work well. The clay pots were easily broken. The buffalo stomachs were hard to clean. They also didn't get the food hot enough. Sometimes the food wasn't cooked all the way.

When early explorers came to America, they brought metal pots to trade for furs. The kettles made cooking much easier for Native American women. The food stayed hot. The pots didn't break. They lasted a long time. This made the women very happy.