

A CERTAIN HERB - A VINE - HELPFUL FOR FEMALE AILMENT

And then there's a herb that they use for female trouble. They know medicine for that. But there's three different kinds that they put in together. But the only one that I know is these, these, it's a vine like that grows and has little purple flowers in it. And it looks kind of like sweet peas. You know, little flowers, sweet peas, the vine. It's kind of like that. And they use that. And two other kinds together for female trouble. And it's real effective. A neighbor of mine was having this female trouble. And she got so bad that she couldn't even get up. She couldn't lay down and she couldn't sit down or nothing cause she was suffering so much. And this lady made this tea for her and she drunk it.

(Got a lot better. Well, I heard along time ago that the Indians actually, of course they never had venereal disease among them, anyway. But they knew herb remedies for venereal disease, too.)

Uh-huh. They did. I worked with this elderly lady down towards, when we lived down towards Stilwell. I worked with this elderly lady, you know, when somebody come and ask her to give them some medicine for them. And she always had me go with her. You know, cause she didn't want to go out in the woods by herself.

(She wanted to teach you.)

Yeah. And that way I learned a lot of medicines that they used. And how to use them and everything.

MAKING CHEWING GUM FROM BARK OF TREE

(I remember you telling me one time, Ida, about some trees, when you all were girls used to get the bark and make chewing gum out of it.)

Uh-huh. Yeah. /Laughter/

(Do you remember that tree?)

I don't remember the name of that tree. I just, but it's, you take the, just right under the bark, under the outer shell of the tree.