

(And then you put those ashes on it?)

Uh-huh.

(What else did you put with it?)

Well, just strain it, when all the husks gets off easy on the corn, then just take cold water and wash it. And keep washing it. You wash it two or three times. All that husk will come on top. Strain that. And what they call, well, riddle or something, make it out of cane, little strips made out of cane have little holes in it. Made like a basket. That's what they used to strain the corn and clean the ashes out in the creek or else tub of water or whatever you have. Just sit it down there and raise it up. The corn will fall out. Cut in little strips, it's made out of cane.

(Sugar Cane?)

Uh-huh. No, cane like this fishing cane up here. Something like that. Just all split up and just knitted around like your basket.

(The Cherokee people make that themselves? Well, did they make that out of buck bush? That little bush that grows around the creek?)

Well, they be something like this but they be small. Just small like cane, but they like this, the root of it.

(Oh, but they would make them?)

Uh-huh. They'd make them themselves. Yes, they'd make it themselves and that's what we used, that riddle. And now you'll find out in town, but it'll be a pan full of holes. Well, that's what we call a riddle and now we use that. Cause I had one riddle long time that my grandmother had, but moving around since, but I tore it up. I guess lost it so I haven't got it.

(Well, do they look like anything--are they made anything like the Cherokee basket that they make now?)