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Oh, it takes two or three days.

(Did your mother ever dry potatoes like that?)

No, she never did.

(Did she ever go after potatoes? Your cousins? Did they have them down in Mexico?)

I don't know I never did hear of it though.

(Does she like them?)

Yes, she likes them.

(Well, did you ever dry the potatoes yourself?)

No, I never did. Oh well, when I start tellin' about grapes I'll tell about them.

(I just wondered if you ever tasted the dried potatoes?)

Oh, yeah I eat dried potatoes. They all right. They taste all right.

They're just like potatoes.

(How do you fix those then, that your getting ready to cook?)

Just the way you cook fresh potatoes. When they fresh you cook 'em with the-- you cook 'em in the water with the meat. That's the way you cook those, just like that.

(And the dried ones you cook them the same way?)

Uh-huh. You cook them the same way. Put a little meat in it, makes good soup.

(Did the Kickapoo use to dry those potatoes a long time ago?)

Uh-huh. Yeah they done lots of things.

#### ECONOMY IN EARLY DAYS

My mother she used to tell me that they didn't have to have money like they have right now. She said "Right now you have to have lots of money to buy your groceries. Long time ago in my young days you don't have to have too much money." Winter time, Winter time, Indians used to go out a whole bunch of 'em. Go deer hunting. And they dry a lot of meat. They bring lots of meat at home, and they have meat,