

HUSBANDS PUNISHING WIVES

(Well, among the Arapahoes, is there a custom for a man to hit his wife every now and then?)

Well, when they need it. When they need it. But most of them, you know, they used to hit their wives because of jealousy. They used to get jealous of the other men and whip their wives for nothing.

(When they whip their wives for this, how would they do it--with their hand or would they take a switch or--?)

Oh, they use their hands. Maybe sometimes a switch. Some of them use their knives. My grandmother used to tell us there was a woman.

I guess there were three of them, married to one man. Well, this third wife--I guess she she got to running around, you know, and ran away from her husband. Went with another man. Well, when her husband caught on to it, he caught her and cut her nose off.

(Tip of her nose?)

Yeah. This part of her nose off. That's what my grandma used to tell us. And that kept her from going away. It was a shame her nose was cut off. I don't know, but that's what my grandma used to tell us.

(Pause)

WHY WHITE MEN ARE CALLED "SPIDERS"

Yesterday they wanted me to get up there and tell the history of the Arapaho and I got stage fright. I was going to tell them about the time how they used to dress before the white man came over here. My grandfather, he used to tell us he was one of them that used to drive them away. Run them back from the reservation. And he said they went as far as the east of Guthrie. A bunch of them--there were some Cheyennes and some Arapahoes. And he said, "We got around--there's a