

then give it to their wife.

(What did they do--?)

They hold these things and touch the ground and just do like that four times.

Then they used to give it to their wives.

(How many days would he have to doctor somebody that was having this kind of trouble with her baby?)

Maybe two or three days. It depends on when that--what she drinks--when he spit it out, if it's green, they're all right. He used to suck and spit all the milk out. That's the way they used to do.

(How did he learn to doctor this way?)

Well, it was given to him, I guess. By a spirit, some way. They used to go up on a hill and cry and call until a spirit come and ask them what they're crying for, and they would say, "I want to be a doctor. I want to know how to do this and that." I guess they used to tell them. And it used to tell them what to use and how to do it. That's how they got their doctoring. They didn't have to go to college to get it! They didn't have to go to college and study what they going to doctor with!

WEANING CUSTOMS

(How long would they nurse their babies? I mean by that, how old were the children when they decided to wean them?)

Well, they used to nurse them till they're nine months old. Nine months old. And some of them, of course, they nurse them till they're two years old. I nursed Cordelia till she was seven years old. She went to school. They have to send her to school. I couldn't wean her! Here I'd be asleep and she'd be nursing. Well, then I just kept on nursing her and kept on nursing her, and then her father took her to school and I guess she used to walk around (imitates girl sucking her thumb)--We used to tease her about it later. "Oh, I didn't know any better," she used to say. Yeah, I nursed her till she was seven years