

or work together. Whatever the aunt was working on--like beading or sewing. If a girl wants to help her aunt, that's the way they used to work. They used to not tease them, their nieces, very much. It's the men that used to tease their nieces.

(How would they do that?)

Oh, they just say funny things--tell them she was ugly and all that. They used to not talk bad to them. They used to just tease them on how they look and how they walk. And the girl would turn around and say, "You're the ugliest one!" Like that, if her uncle call her ugly--she used to tell him he was the ugliest. That way. That's the only way they used to tease them. I know my uncles used to tease me. They used to call me names.

(What uncles were those?)

Oh, my uncles. The one that used to tease me all the time was Red Man. That was my mother's cousin. Yeah, he was older than my mother.

(Could it happen that you had an uncle close to your own age--like if your mother had a brother that was quite a bit younger than she was--if you had an uncle that's your same age, would you still sort of tease each other or joke with each other?)

Yeah.

(Would it make any difference in the way you treated him whether he was older than you are or whether he's about the same age?)

No, it didn't make any difference.

(Would an aunt ever advise her niece--like your mother--?)

Yeah, that's all they used to do, these older people. When a girl is raised among the family, whenever they have a chance they would advise them. Advising was the thing the people used to do with their children. They didn't just let them go and run around and do as they pleased. They used to advise them. They used to tell them what was wrong and right. Even if their grandmother--their grandmothers used to advise, and aunts, and older sisters--they used to advise. All of them used to advise them.

(Would a girl ever ask her aunt or any of these people for advise,