started down towards this way. They were going south. And all we used to cook with was this buffalo manure. We used to get it and pile it up. Pile it up, she said, and then they would burn it with flint. She said flint. And that's what they used to cook with. Then you know there always be puddle of water here and there out in the prairie. They used to take it and they used to have rags and strain it, you know. There used to be lot of little bugs in there but they used to strain it before they use it. That's what they use to cook with. And she said this manure used to make the meat taste good. "How did it used to taste?" I told her. She said, "Well, you know, like when you have this paunch--cow paunch--that's the way it used to taste," she said. "I used to cook it over that." Then we'd go on and we'd have--we'd make sacks and just fill it up in sacks and carry it along. That was their wood. She said they used to cook with it. And she said it was just like wood--it won't go out right away. And then when it turns cold, in there when they make a place where they're going to stay all night, at the doorway I guess they used to pile it up and burn it. It used to not smoke. Used to keep heat in there. She said it's better than wood. That's what they used to cook with, she said. And then they got way down there somewhere south, over here, close to Texas, I guess. They didn't find any more of that. But some of them had carried lot of it. And we used to divide up with one another. We'd burn it and then put wood on there, she said. And after we start using wood our food tasted different, she said. It was different from what we used to cook on this stuff, she said. She said that's what we used to have.

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And then this horse manure, she said, we used to pick it up and put it in a sack. And if anybody's got a baby they used to grind it. And then these shovel, they used to heat it on the fire and when it gets hot they used to just run it through that manure and burn all them little sticks, and she said it was just as soft as this baby powder. And they used to just put it all over in here on babies, and she said it used to keep them warm. Yeah, where a diaper would be. They used to tie their babies with it. They