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Yes. Top of the comb.

(You remember you were talking about the dresses that the little girls had and you said that they were supposed to open at the back?)

Yes.

(Could you tell me about that?)

Well, according to the tradition, all the virgin women were supposed to wear their dresses fastened in the back. It was only the married women that wore their dresses fastened in the front. There was a lot of them that said they didn't know about that because I guess the younger ones were never told. I know one time that I made a dress and grandma didn't like it and I never could wear that dress after I made it. That's what she told me. No, she said, you don't wear that, unmarried women and virgins never wear them.

(When did a woman start wearing dresses that opened in the front after she got married? Would she do right after she was wed?)

Yeah, that's her...she becomes a woman, that's all right. From childhood on up to adolescence, they don't wear them;

(What about the colors of the dresses? Are there any colors that you're supposed to wear?)

Well, the dominating colors among our was blue, dark red, and deep tones of green and then various shades of, you know, for trimming. The trimming is gray, but the background is supposed to be dark. Blue in fact is dominates all most all colors according to what they use. In their ~~days~~ you know in the early days, when they had to weave their own cloth out of Spanish moss and so on, they were most generally dyed with