

(Yes, I know what you mean. What did they call that sweet potato in Apache?)  
isa. y'od . You know there's lot of things that's growing in the dirt that people eat. It don't poison them. Nobody don't get poisoned--they don't get sick over it. Go ahead and dig them and then they wash them and they boil it. Sometime they eat it like that. They got 'long all right. But now, anything like hamburger--if we have to set overnight and not put it in the icebox--it'll poison you! But that time, them old-timer eating, that didn't poison you.

(Did your mother ever get Indian potatoes?)

Yes, she gets them. When they feel like they want some, they just drive down to the creek. They just go along the creek and they know just where it's at.

(Did she ever get those Indian turnips, too?)

Um-hum. Yes, she gets them. There's a lot of it--you know, where I sold that place? By that church? That new house I sold? There's a lot of it down there. That's how come we always dig 'em. And the kids wash them for them, and they always eat it.

INDIAN PICKLE (matelea biflora)

(Isn't there something else they call Indian pickle?)

cedig y'aseh They grow on a vine, too, on the dirt. You just got to take that green stuff off, and the inside--white ones--they don't cook 'em.

(Did you used to eat Indian pickles?)

Um-hum.

(Are they good?)

They are good.

HACKBERRY (Celtis sp.)

(I wanted to ask you about one other thing, too, and that's hackberry.)

Hackberry?

(Uh-huh.)