

"You know it got so it got well," he said. "I can rope. I can pull rope. I can do heavy work. My shoulder is well," he said. "Thank you boys." Yeah, he got all right.

(What did you say his name was?)

I can't think of his last name. He name was Jesus--oh I can't--it's in the record here somewhere. But he was a typical Mexican: black moustache, full blood Mexican and good height--about my height--always wore that pointed hat, you know--what they call that (word sounds like it might be a mispronunciation of "sombrosos.") And he always wore--he knows how to dress Mexican--serapes, you know, over their left shoulder.

(And he had a big brimmed hat?)

Brimmed hat, you know, kind of (?) like, you know, and kind of pointed. Oh, he looked typical Mexican to us when was eating that peyote and he drove up in the wagon.

(Did you say you talked Mexican?)

Oh, yeah, I understand quite a bit.

(Did this guy talk any English?)

He talked pretty fair English. But his boy, the one that I gave marbles to, was going to an American school there at Laredo, and they moved out on this ranch and he got bit by a rattlesnake, and he couldn't work for two or three years. He got all right--that's how he got to understand about this peyote--curing rattlesnake, you know.

PEYOTE USED TO TREAT SNAKEBITE:

(Tell me about that.)

Well, only one or two cases I know of peyote curing rattlesnake--that is, one Mexican and one Indian. It seems like the poison--the strength of the peyote--the chemical contents--seems like they're stronger than the venom of that rattlesnake. That's what I found out first. That venom, it'll die after one contact with peyote, when you can still give some more peyote to a man that's been bitten by a snake. In other words, this peyote will kill the effect of the venom--poisonous venom. And then if you use it successively, it keeps killing it, you know. Keeps on till it cleans it out. That's what I found out.

(How did you find this out?)