

question!

(How much would they pay for a pair of moccasins?)

They're way up right now, but they used not to be that high.

(Did you ever make men's moccasins?)

Yes.

(Well, like a pair of dressy men's moccasins--what would they used to sell for?)

In early days I used to just get five dollars for them, and ten. But now they're way up there--thirty-five to forty-five dollars.

### LEATHER AND INDIAN TANNED HIDES

(Where did you used to get the leather to make them?)

Indians used to make leather.

(Did you make your own?)

No. My mother used to make them for me.

(Was it smoked?)

Sometimes she smoke it and sometime she don't. The ones that's smoked, they don't get hard when it's wet. If it's not smoked, when it gets wet it gets hard.

(What kind did you usually use?)

The smoked.

(Did you ever buy the leather--like at one of those Indian trading stores?)

Oh, they cost high! Yeah. Fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five dollars you have to pay for them. Yeah--now. But what Indian tans, if they give them to you, you get them free. If you buy them from them, it's five dollars.

(If you buy it from an Indian?)

Yeah. But when you get it from a white man's store, boy, you used to pay big price for it.

(Is there any place around here now--are there any Indian woman today--Arapahoes--that tan their own hides?)

I think all them women that used to tan hides are all dead. I know my mother used to tan lot of hides. Johnny knows how to tan hides. I forgot--he made a lot of them--last year or year before. He tanned lot of hides and he gave them to different ones. He didn't sell them.

(What did he tan them for?)