

Well, I know one or two cases where a cousin of mine's wife was bitten or stung by a black widow spider. You know, they're supposed to be pretty serious. Well, one man, they call on him, and he cured her in one night. He gave her six peyotes, offered a prayer, and gave her a little tea with peyote in it. Next morning she got up and there was just a little black spot there, stung by this black widow.

(When did this happen?)

Back in nineteen--I think it was nineteen-one. I happened to be home that summer. When it happened we was camping out. The women were sitting around in an arbor. She had a little child and she was putting her little child to sleep. Good thing it didn't happen to the child. They were fresh willows, you know, and they had a bed out there, and they had the baby all covered up and she put her arm on it and got bit by a--she saw it--a black widow with a little red spot on it's back. So that was a black widow, you might say, that shows that. They went and got this man and he cured her. The next day she was all right.

(What was his name--do you remember?)

No, I don't know the man's--well, I know the man but I can't place him now. I think his name was White Rabbit, if I'm not mistaken. He's Arapaho. He married an Apache (Kiowa-Apache) woman, I think that's the one.

(What was that Apache woman's name--do you have any idea?)

His wife? No, I don't.

MEDICINAL USES OF PEYOTE

(Was there any reason that you've ever heard of why they used peyote doctor the spider bites and insect stings and so forth?)

No, I've never heard. But they know--they just naturally know that it's good medicine. Curable of any ailment, you know. There is one proof that I always use on myself about the cure, peyote, as compared to this