

taffy or something--when it was just so done, you had good sorghum molasses. It didn't taste like this sorghum molasses you get now.

Jess: No. I like it. I still eat sorghum.

Bob: It doesn't taste like that. We got some there. My wife got some the other day. It doesn't taste like--

(How did the Indians use the paunch?)

Jess: Well, they'd clean it all out, and there's a kind of a sheen-like layer they call "Striffling", I guess--it's kind of a tissue--just like membranes.

They peel that off, and then they wash and clean that and they cook it tender and all that rough part they cut off, and oh, it's just nice and white and tender. Even little kids like it. I know I used to like it. I like it yet.

(Interruption during which I asked about a waffle-textured lining of the stomach)

Bob: --the stomach, Jess. What is that stuff you call that in there--that rough lining? That's the thing that slows it up and helps the digestive process.

(Do the Arapahoes have a name for that?)

Jess: They call it hica⁹ a.t. They have little bumps about that big--they call them "strawberry lining." Kind of rough-like. Looks like strawberries.

Young folks call it "strawberry lining." And you know they use the spinal cord and liver and brains to tan hides with. See, they're neutral-like. There ain't too much fat in them or too much liquid in them, and they take that spinal cord out of the back of the animal and they take the brain and they cook it, and they cook this liver half-rare, and they use this liver separately, you know, to put on hides to tan them. Then when they let it dry they cook this spinal cord--about this long and about this big around--and them brains, and they cook them together, and they saturate them and they put them on the other side of the hide, and then dry it, and then when they tan it, it's just as soft--it stays white.

Not much fat in that stuff, you know. Not hardly any fat in the liver and in the brains and in the spinal cord. That's what the Arapahoes and Cheyennes use for tanning hides.

(Did they ever eat the brains?)