

know those brands--the kind of these toadstools that they use.

These, they are kind of round--almost shape of an umbrella (probably a puffball--J. Jordan), but they're a little bit rounder.

Some of them get just like the shape of a cantelope. They're small. Shape of a cantelope. Small and kind of a dark-looking.

And inside it looks like powder. This navel, it takes a few days for this to come off. And they put some kind of a grease on it to

keep it from getting hard. They used to cut out a piece of cloth and put it over it. And make a little round hole and put that

navel--or whatever it is through there. They keep it moist. They put grease on it. And when they do that, they take this stuff

I'm talking about, (powdery stuff from inside the mushroom) and they kind of sprinkle it on there. It's just like powder. And

they say it heals it. Well, pretty near all the kids in them

days, it shows their navels, you know. It's something they have

to live with--the navel. Now days, it's kind of a little different form, now. In them days, you don't hardly see that. It's just

like a scar you know.

EARLY WHITE MEN MEDICINES USED BY INDIANS

(Did they use that stuff on it all the time or . . .)

Oh yeah. I guess it's way back--who knows how far back. Well,

they use some other things too, but I never did learn what they

were. This is what I seen in the short time--the memory I have

before this modern stuff come in. We didn't have but just a very

few white man medicines. Castor oil was about the (unintelligible

word) and cod liver oil, that's all we know. And some kind of a

salve. Most Indians call it "government salve." It looked like

axle grease. Yeah, you know what it looked like? That's the way

with this salve that they start using.

(Where did they get that?)