

(And the root is used for nosebleed?)

Uh-huh.

(How did she fix that up?)

She gets the root out, and takes them peelings off. And then they let it lay out in the sun until it gets dry. When it dry, they pound it. It just so fine. And then, she tied 'em in a rag and put 'em up. Then she gets ready, when somebody call for it, she get it...a pinch of that, in the water, let it boil. It just yellow, like. Then she just strain it and use them. They drink it. They put their fingers in there (first and middle fingers) rub it on their nose (One finger on either side of the upper nose.) They drink it, and what's left they get their fingers and wet their nose, like this. That's all, it stops. But that other one (stomach medicine) if it don't like them, don't suit their stomach, they vomit. That water passes out the other way. See, take it, and clean them out that way. Take it all right.

(What about the nosebleed medicine, does that ever make anybody vomit?)

No, but it's strong medicine, bitter. Bitter, but they can stand to take it. I take it, well, it was pretty strong. We went in meeting (peyote) that meeting down at Redbones we went there. We just went there, and they fixed my bed...my seat good, I said. I sit down. He covered me up good and I sit there. And I can sit there, until about towards one. I was sitting there, felt something hot in my hand. Nosebleed. And the chief he start singing. I just got my handkerchief, hold it up there. Finally my handkerchief was just soaking with blood. Oh heck, I got my dress, I pull it out there, it coming down. I was just bloody all over. I was afraid it wasn't going to stop, keep on going all night, until that drum came to Freddie, got through singing. I said, "Freddie, I just feel so nasty, going through..through to my body. I can't stand it.

(Were you still in the tipi?)

Yeah. Men folks they said, they told me to either get up and go out. Your blood's getting stunk. It stunk inside, it stink. I said, I know it, I said. So I got up