

The Indians believe that. They believe they're ghosts. Well, my mother was a doctor, she was a real good doctor. I seen her many people--got that stroke and that twisted mouth. Twisted eyes, and she fix them all up and get them alright again. And when I was about fourteen years old, my mother and my uncle, they were both doctors--my mother and her brother--they were both doctors. There was a lot of Indians know that they are doctors. If anybody sick they get them well. But you know today, you know, you can't even--it's like you spit in your hand and rub on somebody's hand or face, you think that's nasty ain't it? You think that's the nastiest thing a person could do to anybody. It's like you be sitting there and I spit from my mouth and rub it like that and put on your hands or face and then I chew this medicine and I would blow it all over your face, your head, your mouth and sometimes chew it and open up sick people--man, a baby, a woman or anybody--open their mouth when they doctor them and put that medicine--what they chewing--put it down in their throat and tell them to swallow it. That's the way my mother doctors. "Well," she said, "You growing, you got sense," and my uncle and mother told me, she said, "Now we going to give you this medicine what we use today for the people that get sick and after while when we pass away then you got that medicine. And we going to give it to you, going to fix it for you, going to show you the medicine--what kind of medicines to use. And when we pass away, you going to have it, going to doctor with it. Going to get people well." And I said, "No, I don't want it. I don't want to spit on anybody." But they did mean what they told me, and so my uncle and mother, we gonna fix it for that you. "After awhile when we pass away you going to have childrens and it's going to be that your childrens going to have children, and nobody among the Comanche--all the doctors going to be gone--the old people. There's a lot of doctors here now, but they be all gone and you all going to live like the white people, and you all going to depend