

on the white peoples to get well, but this one thing when you get your eyes twisted and your mouth twisted, they don't understand that. They don't know what it is. But us Comanches, we Indians but we sure understand that way." Like a person would come here with a twisted mouth and a twisted face--"I come for you to help me." I just sit here and listen to them, just like my mother does when anybody comes to be doctored, she just sat there and they say "I come to see you, I want you to help me. Look at my face all twisted, my mouth all paralyzed, my arm, my legs, I can't do nothing. I can't drink water good, it just comes out, and my eyes run and bother me all the time, and my mouth slobber and I have to hold a rag over my mouth like that, and I'm in a bad shape." They would say that to my mother and she just sat there and listened. And she gave me all that medicine what she used. And today, a person come in walk in here and have a twisted mouth or twisted face like that, they come for help from me, I just sit there and listen. But one thing--well, you sit over there and tell me all your troubles, sit down and tell me all of your troubles--either man or woman--or, they bring their kids got strokes like that, the white people call it stroke. "Say Tell me all your troubles." And the way the Indians go to anybody that's got medicine like that to get them well--like you got there, they sit down and tell them all of their troubles and then they give them a smoke, just like you got there. (Indicates interviewer's cigarette.) They would get this leaf or corn shuck and they roll their cigarette with that Bull Durham smoke. They wrap it up and light it and they give it to them, and say, "Here take this smoke. Pity me and get me well. I'm tired of this face all twisted up, tired of my legs paralyzed. I can't walk, can't do nothing. I want you to pity me and get me well." And so I take it, I get a puff on it four times, just four times and I say, "Alright, I'll pity you, I'll see what I could do for you." Tell them, "Go in there and wash your face and your hands and you come and I'll doctor you." "Go ahead and doctor and do the same