

to have them for their babies. They never did know what a doll was. I didn't either. I had a baby--I had a doll of a shank. Big long shank.

(Would this be from a buffalo?)

This was from a cow--mine. But them others, I guess they used to use (buffalo.) And we used to--you know, these back bones--we used to tie them. You know they have holes. We used to put our rag dolls in there and drag them. And then we grew up a little and then we had these sardine cans. They were about that high. And they open them and used to make arbor and use them for our wagons. There wasn't no toys at that time.

(How would they use these shoulder blades?)

Oh, just shoulder blades--they'd just go around and find them. Dry and white, and they'd just carry them like that (cradled in their arms)--their baby. Just play with them, you know. That's all it was. We didn't have nothing else to play with. And then these weeds --these tall weeds--we used to gather them and we used to make our little arbors and play under there.

(Do you know what kind of weeds they were?)

Oh, they grow along the river. It's not willow. It's weeds. When you pull the leaves, they always have red juice. (She's probably talking about Giant Ragweed, sometimes called Bloodweeds). They're sure stout. We used to use them for tipi poles, like.

(This would be for a play tipi?)

Yeah. Just playing around.

(What was the Arapaho name for that weed?)

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