

(What does the top of that plant look like?)

It looks like something like what they call milkweed. (Possible Matelea biflora--jj) Something like that. But this white medicine is all green. And it's got green leaves. And it's just like it's got joints on that stem. And in the spring time I'm going to try to get some. I'm going to go down there.

(What time of year do you have to get it?)

We get it in the--well, we get it in the summer time. Spring time, they always say it's too soft. Too juicy--too soft. But later about July if you get it, it's right.

(Does the top of it stand straight up like that?)

Yeah it stands up straight. And some places the leaves just lay on the ground.

(Does it have any flower on it at any time?)

No flower.

(Is it very tall?)

(She indicates about two feet high with her hands.)

(And that root is about seven or eight inches long.)

Yeah. And some of it is just round.

(Is it hard to dig?)

Yeah. You have to use a spade or something to get it, because it's way down there.

(Back in the old days, these kind of medicines--is there any difference as far as men or women being able to go out and get them?)

Oh, anybody could go out and get them. Now there's another thing that is good for swelling. If you have a pain like I have on the knee. You always see these--what they call "buffalo roses." The root of it, they use that.

(What does this "buffalo rose" look like?)