

When they'd sit up, they used to put them up here and use their knee--right below their shoulders, and just hold them back this way (Person giving the treatment would sit or stand behind patient and hold patient steady by shoulders, and pull back on the patient's shoulders. At same time person giving treatment would press forward with his knee on patient's back between the shoulder blades.). And that used to give their breath out of them. I think that air used to come out.

(Then they'd be sitting up when they did that?)

Yeah. Sitting up.

(Like, on the edge of the bed or something like that?)

Yeah. Edge of the bed. Or maybe this person (giving the treatment) would be sitting on the bed and that one (the patient) would sit on the ground, and they'd hold them.

(I see. The sick person would be sitting on the ground.)

Yeah.

(And whoever is going to give them the treatment is sitting on the bed. And would they use their knee then?)

Yeah. Their knee. Right below the shoulder (blade). At the edge of the shoulder. They put their knee there.

(And then did they have their hands on their shoulders like that--pulling their shoulders back?)

Yeah. Pulling them. And I think, you know, that maybe that's when that air used to come out. And they used to get all right.

TREATMENT BY SUCKING AND CUTTING

(Did they ever used to do anything like massage the stomach or anything like that?)

No. But you know if they have a pain--like pleurisy pain or something like that--there was Indian doctors that used to suck on them. Suck the skin.