

you supposed to have all that, a knife, awl, sinew, thread, needle, sic-
 ors, When you born a girl why you supposed to have all that, so you won't
 have to go from home to home to borrow that. Peoples going to get tired
 of you borrow this and that and they going to say when you go over there
 to borrow certain thing, "We haven't got it." And yet they had it but
 they just got tired of borrowing this and that. You supposed to have e
 everything, that's what she used to tell me. And that's ture. See I'm
 alone just myself, no close relatives, just my brothers children, his
 graduchildren and my sister's children and her grandchildren. I'm just
 alone in this world. But I remember all what she taught me and I'm
 still at it. That when you born a girl you supposed to have all that
 things.

(How do they get this sinew (thread) that you are using here?)

When they used to butcher cows, they took the hide off the cow and they
 took all the meat off and this main part that all these Indians like is
 the sinew, right in the back on each side of..from head to the tail.

Have to take this off, and if there's meat on there we kind of scrap it
 off. Be careful not to cut this. It looks like grissle. We clean it
 off good. Put it on the wall or on the board. They used to put it up
 around the tipi poles you know. They paste it around up there to dry.

When it's dry it's ready to use.

(Does it come like this? (pointing to ready prepared sinew thread.) ?)

No, it comes in a big flat..big flat..kind of look like..oh, I had some
 here. It comes and then you have to tear it off and make these. (threads.)
 You have to clean it to make it come this way. Make it the way you want
 it. These is to bead with (sinew threads about the size of heavy-duty
 cotton thread.) And these is to put the..they wider, you see their bigger
 then the ones I used for the beads..this is what you put the sole on.