

SNEEZING MEDICINE

(Did they have any kind of medicine for--like if you had a stopped up nose or stuffy nose and could hardly breathe?)
 They had--they got weeds they use for sneezing. "Sneezing weeds" they always call them. I had some, but Imogene took all of them. (Where do you get those?)

In Wyoming. I had a lot of it. I sent some to my daughter-- Carol Lee and I gave some to Cordelia.

(Did you gather it yourself?)

No. Leroy's mother gathered it for me. They stand up that high, but they got little yellow flowers, you know. Them weeds--and them little yellow flowers--when they're dry, you just grind them up like that and put them in a sack. And even if you just smell it through that cloth, you sneeze.. Yeah.

(What do they call that?)

hi^hoiw^hae. That means "sneezing powder"--"sneezing weed," rather.

(And when would they use that sneezing powder?)

Anytime when they have a cold. When they stuffy nose or something like that--runny nose--they use it. And you know when you smell it--it goes down over here--it feels like this Vicks. It feels that way. Kind of burning.

(Do you have to sneeze very much?)

Oh, if you smell it, you'll be sneezing until you have to sneeze the other way!

(Did you ever take it yourself?)

Yeah, I've used it. I used to play with it. When my grandchildren come in--"Come here!" They used to smell it. Oh, they'd be sneezing here and there.

(What did they say about that?)

They'd say, "My nose is burning!" They used to say that. I had a lot of it but I've given it all away. I gave some to Verna.

(Do they still use it?)

Yeah, they still use it. Imogene used it. I had some in a little sack. I tied some in a white rag and I don't know where