

Then you take it out and beat it up. It's not really - yeah, some is as fine as corn meal. I did some here but I used it up. I dranked it up.

(Why do they keep their head tied up?)

To keep the dust from getting all over their head. Cause when you sift it, sift the corn from the basket, that's the hard job.

(You must have spent a lot of time cooking.)

HOMEMADE SOAP

I used to make my own soap, too.

(You did? How do you make soap?)

You use lye and cracklins.

(From a pig?)

Uh-huh - cracklins you know. We use to make our own, kill our hogs, you know. That fat, we would wring it out and use our own - make our own lard. You know, that fat made grit and cracklins, you know. That's what I made soap out of.

(And lye?)

Uh-huh. I used a can of lye, a gallon of water, - I believe it's one, one, one; a gallon of water, a can of lye, and a can of cracklins. I don't remember. I used to make it. Only I was making it one day and a man came up to me and said, "You oughten to be making soap like this."

I said, "Why?" "You are young and you will liable to hurt your eyes."

So I quit making soap.

(Why will it ruin your eyes?)

Well, that's what she said. She said that it will ruin your eyes and I guess it would. I wear glasses.

(Well did you just boil them together...cook them together?)

Uh-huh.

(And it made soap?)