

put a whole bunch of it and dampen it and then they tie the first one that braid and then they put two or three more on.

Just so it will look all even. Just like one long grass.

(When they go out and gather it, what do they do with it?)

They just gather it and bring it home. Tie it in a bunch and when they get ready to use it, they dampen it. But when they're going to use it for perfume, while it's green, they kind of pulverize it and break it up and dampen it and they use the moistened part--the water part--to wet their hair, and sprinkle on their clothes.

(You mean they pulverize it while it's still green?)

Yeah, if they use it for perfume.

(What did they pulverize it with?)

Just by hand. I've seen some men use these braids for their arm-band. Tie a little something nice on there. I just been wondering why these northern Arapahoes haven't been using it for these here bolo ties that they use now. They could, you know.

(Is there a lot of it that grows up there?)

There's a lot of it grows along--the mouth of the streams, you know. I know on the Arapaho reservation it's plentiful up there.

(Do the stock eat it?)

Yeah, they eat it. It's just like grass. Now when the Indians make their perfume--like this--they braid this up and soak it and they take these leaves--

A COMPOUNDED PERFUME (MIXTURE)

(This other leaves you were talking about?)

Yeah. Those leaves--perfume--they take that and this grass and this horse's--you've seen that scale on horses--?