

No, he didn't said that. He didn't say. But other tribes, they always be stealing their horses. But he said he never did go among Indians. But these other Indians, such as Pawnee, they said they're kinda bad about spying around and they steal horses.

(From the Apaches?)

Yeah.

HOW SADDLEBLANKET LEARNED TO DOCTOR AND HOW HE DOCTORS:

Well, he always say he learn it by laying around some place. Way out on the prairie or mountains. Four days, you know. And no eating and no water. He just stayed there, and I don't know what some kind of spirit come to him and got him to become doctor. So he learned that. That's why he knows how to doctor. He showed him what to do, and what to use. That's what he always tell us. "I'm a poor man," he say. "I'm a poor boy. I was just raised any old way, eat anything to get by," but, he said he made it. He growed to be big man and he doctors. And these Apaches, they like for him to doctor their children. These people, their parents--that's the way I know of.

(Did your father go out on purpose to learn to doctor?)

Yeah. Yeah, they go out and suffer, you know, and sit and fast. Not to eat. Not to drink. That way they get their own blessing from some kind of spirit. I don't know just it is, but it seems to be like buffalo--buffalo spirit--because he always have buffalo hide, you know, painted with Indian paint inside, piece of it. And another one, he's got a buffalo tail inside, you know, & the edge--inside they're kinda twisted--that's what he had in that. He always keep. I noticed he's doctoring somebody, you know, and he used that tail. It's painted Indian, and he put it in his mouth, and that's what he doctors with. And blow on the--Yeah. And I seen him doctoring a man with spider bite, you know. It bit him. And he say it's in his heart. Seems like that web's just wrapping round his heart. Kinda smother him. And he was sick himself, and he said, "Well, brother, sit close to me. I ain't able to sit up. I know you just got one daughter and I just got one daughter. And if we both die, who's gonna take care of our girls till they're grown? Come here. I want to cure you." He come