

cousin, Woolworth, but they wouldn't tell you.

(Does that plant grow right in the water?)

It grows in the water just like rice. Of course when the water gets shallow it still grows. But you can't get to it on account of the sogginess of the swamp there. But even then our people wouldn't let us go in there.

(Did it have any kind of flower?)

It had a flower pod, or rather it had a flower and then the pod, but I don't remember the color of that. The only other place I know of where that things grows is out at Taos, New Mexico. And those Taos Indians know about it. The Arapahoes told them and they won't touch it.

(When was the last time you ever noticed any of it here?)

Oh, back in 1926. They had a Sun Dance out here and I brought my camp outfit and I brought along my own willows and made my arbor. And we come after two kegs of water. That's the last time I seen it. My kids were small, then. And those Indians that used to camp here--naturally these chiefs always have a band or camps around there--there used to be a lot of tipis up here. And those women would come after water once or twice a day--from that spring. And you know they were all healthy women, by walking back and forth to get water--going up and down the hill, you know. All those old ladies grew old--in good health --by that exercise. I remember I drank some good coffee (made with water) from this spring. Maybe it was soft, or something like that.

(I guess that poison plant didn't bother the water then?)

No, it didn't bother the water.