

selling it. People would come by for it--for kids, you know. That's a Comanche medicine. Yeah.

(How long have you been getting that medicine for Mary?)

Oh, I guess about thirty years. She's asked me one or twice, but I was just--well, I had some but I gave it to an old woman. Her grandchild had the itch between her toes--you know how kids get, you know. And she wanted to use it. And then it started on the fingers. You know how kids get the itch. So I had just three pieces and I think I gave it to her. And then there's another time I gave an uncle of mine in Canton--he had a sore throat. He asked me to go to the drugstore with him, because he said he was out of that root. And he said his brother-in-law was out. I said, "What kind of root?" He said, "That medicine for my throat. Maybe the drugstore could sell me drugs." I said, "Maybe I might have some. I'll go back and go to my brother's this afternoon, back across from Canton to Carleton, across there to my brother." I had it in a jar--a big-mouthed jar. Three of them, I think it was. I found them and the next day I rode back to Canton and went to his house and he saw them and said, "Yeah, that's the one." In a little while he was cured.

SOME OTHER INDIAN MEDICINES, INCLUDING A SNEEZE MEDICINE

(Did you ever bring her any other kind of medicine from the mountains?)

Let's see, now--that Angelicus--it comes from New Mexico--those Pueblos. I might have given her some.

(What is that like?)

It's a real brown root. Some of these peyote men use it for a smoke mixture.

(Is it used for medicine?)

It's good for medicine--intestinal troubles, and colds. They just take and chew it. And sometimes they pulverize it and sniff it and they go to sneezing. Your eyes be watering and the snot comes out--in no time! And there's another root, here, you can get it here anywhere. It's that coffee bean root. You know what a coffee bean (tree) is. You dig down the trunk of