

get you well right now." They say that. They know that I could do it so they always tell them.. A lot of these young peoples, they don't understand. They don't know nothing, like that. About how people could help other peoples when they sick. (Mabe a lot of people are jealous that you could do that?)

Yeah. That's what it is. They don't understand and they don't know what all kinds of medicines to use for this and that. They don't know all that. They don't know nothing about them medicines, what we use--what I use. For what kind of sickness.

(I was talking to this man the other day and he said that when he was young they had doctors whose special power was to cure snake bites. What kind of doctors were there? Like that snake doctoring, he talked about?)

Oh you don't have to have doctors for that. Its just a medicine that--use the medicine on them. That's all.

(Did that mean that they had power?)

No, they ain't no power in that. You could chew that medicine and spit on that snake and they lay low and you just go over and spit somemore on it and they dead.

(Is that Itse?)

Yeah. Itse. I didn't have nay and they gave me a little piece of it. In the summer time I use to have lots and I pound it up and tie it around LShay's legs and over it((SHAY IS HER GRANDSON)) Just rub it all over. Soak it in water and wash his feet. Well, if he goes down by the creek and he step on a snake, it won't bite him.

(What is it, the msell they don't like?)

The smelling I think. It just knocks them out. I guess that's one kind of medicine that they don't even like to smell I guess.

(I guess it s something like that insect repellent that makes bugs stay away.)

Yeah. Stay away from that smell. Its so strong you know.

(Can human beings smell it?)