

dreaming of a terrible fire. It was raging, coming towards him. And he thought that was a test. He didn't know whether it was a magical fire or a real fire. But, in his estimation, he thought it was a magicianal power, coming to try and scare him away. So he wouldn't move. He just set there, lay there, and lay there, and while he was laying there, and the fire was raging and getting closer and closer. And all at once it was terrible, but he held his ground. And after a while these sparks commenced to him and it was real fire. So he jumped! It wasn't no test! It was a real fire! He had to flee!

(When was that?)

That's just a test story about how these gifts come in. That's the way they do. And sometimes nature--birds or trees or animals speak to them, and then bestow these gifts on them. And so all Indians, as soon as they grow up to manhood, they always go to some lonely spot in the mountains. It's uninhabited by humans. It's just wild. They go over there four days and four nights, without food and water to see if they'll receive a gift. They say many of them do receive it. I don't know. I never tested it out because I was afraid of varmints myself, or lions or some kind of animals come and eat me up. That's the way it happened. Well, lots of these Indians have buffalo gifts--medicine gifts.

STORY OF HOW THE BUFFALO MEDICINE ORIGINATED

Now I'm going to tell you how our buffalo medicine gifts are received. How it came into our tribe. Maybe you haven't seen anything like that. All the Buffalo Medicine Men are dead now. Nobody has that gift now. Nobody is using it. But in the past it has been used and practiced and bestowed on others. Till this