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"MADSTONES," USE IN TREATING DOG BITES

Every beef that I know--I know I've watched my dad skin the meat--three or four families would be entitled to one beef--they'd always find this here kind of a thing--"madstone," they used to call it. (Possibly hairball or other formation recovered from stomach of buffalo or cow) They'd be round; some of them be kinda egg-shaped. Some be gray, fuzzy, black, or brown, or white--fuzzy stone--somewhere in the body. And the Indians would keep them. And then mad dogs were common on account of wolves, you know. This hydrophobia. Dog would come in camp and somebody get big and all they have to do is take that stone and put it on the wound and if that stone stayed on there, that means it's sucking out that poison. You don't find it in no stock anymore. You don't find it in no cattle anymore.

(But they used to get it out of cattle in those days?)

Yeah. They used to get a lot of those out of range cattle, them days. Especially longhorns.

(What about buffalo--did they ever find them in buffalo?)

I don't know of any. They probably did. I think they did. Because the old folks had a few. I know my dad had three or four of them. Now whether it's a true stone or not, or whether it's a formation--compacted substance--but anyhow they was always fuzzy, outside. Just kind of like hair.

(Does anybody still have one of those?)

I don't know of any.

(Would you recognize one if you saw one?)

Oh, yeah.