

you." But the old folks was strict on that.

(What do you mean?)

You might get some ailment, you know--man ailment--that's what they meant by it. They had a system. They don't mention it now. Oh, there's some existing proof that that has been practiced by people that's grown up now, whereby the parents didn't want the daughter to have children, or the son to have any children. They had some Indian doctors that--oh, whatever procedure they had--they practice it on these young folks and they didn't have any children. And there's two or three cases here now. Some medicine they gave or some procedure that they went by to keep a girl from having child or boy from having children.

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(Do you have any idea what it was, or how they doctored them?)

Well, I told that to this Sister Hilger (anthropologist who worked with Arapahoes) "Now this might be vulgar to you," I says, and one of my nieces that worked at the Concho office was sitting there with us. She said, "Yeah, that's happened. I know several cases," my niece said. "Well, how'd they perform it?" "Well," I says, "If you don't mind the language," I says, "What little I know about it, I'll tell you. Course, the intimate part," I says, "I wouldn't know, but they had them go through a series of necessary procedures for the girl to go through so that she wouldn't have a child." So she say, "What was that?" "Well," I said, "For one thing, all I know is they'd have a fire and coals made. And they'd heap 'em up in a small pile or pan or can or something like that, and the girl would have to sit over that. As long as she could stand the heat." Then she said, "Do you mean to tell me that they had this done for the sake of deadening some nerve in the system of the organs?" I said, "That seems to be the way." Then I said, "Others gave herbs. Herbs, you know that they drink. Like they could give a girl to drink a gallon of that particular herb--tea--they resort to that. That's all I know," I said. "That's all that's been told to me by men. But I got a cousin in Canton, on my mother's side, and this cousin of mine is married to my niece on my father's side. And they didn't have no children but there's never been any procedure of that. They just made up their