

(Did it make her sick? Did the snake bite make her sick?)

Yes, ma'am. I think it makes you sick. Although I ain't never been snake bit. It made her sick. She was in pain. Set it in coal oil. Set her foot down in there. You can just see that poison oozin' out. That's the only thing I know tell her about (not clear) down in Texas. And that doctor told her that was the best thing she could have done. She coulda done. That coal oil. Pulled the poison outa of it. Yes sir, that coal oil got the poison out of it. She got all right. I ain't never been snake bit. I've seen people that have been snake bit. But I've been lucky along that line. I've been right at snakes. Stepped right over them. Them old rattlesnakes poisonous. They're yellow white. Kinda tigerish lookin' snake. Now that's a poisonous snake too. They're around here. Right up on this hill here. There's some, these old velvet rattlesnakes. They ain't so poisonous. I 'member when she was up there. She shot at that, shot at that first one. She was scared. She shot at that snake (not clear) with a pistol but never could hit it. She was scared. So she come on down here to get me to go up there and kill that snake. Well, I took my axe, I knowed that I'd rather have take my axe and went up there and killed just a regular rattlesnake. Now they're poison too. And how they're poison. Rattlesnakes is.

(Are they black? Those velvet rattlesnakes?)

No, looked kind of dark.

(Stub tailed?)

I believe they is. They tell me now there's plenty of 'em right up there. They been goin' up there on that big old hill. That I told them they better be careful up there. 'Cause snakes is up there but they ain't nobody done nothin' yet. They ain't had nothin' like get snake bit up there. I don't see how anyone could get through there. I had my boots. But they tell me,