

I didn't take--fool with--

(You didn't have any interest, in it?)

SHE GIVES HIM THE ABILITY TO BE A TOOTH DOCTOR - INVOLVES HANDLING A SNAKE

No. That's the part I ought to had interest in. I could a used it, because I know a lot of herbs yet. And I remember, me and her diggin' some May Apple root way down close to Mulberry Hollow. See, Mulberry was just right over the ridge there is England Hollow. Just a short distance across there. And we were down in there diggin' May Apple root and there was a snake laying there. And I told her, "Grandma, there's a snake." And she said, "Catch 'im." I said, "Kill 'im." "You not goin' to see me catchin' no snake." And we were talkin' Cherokee all the time. She said, "Yeah, catch 'im now and I'll guarantee he won't bite you." And he was laying there. He straightened himself out. He was that long.

(What kind was it. Do you remember?)

Well, it was a kind of a striped and kind of a yellowish lookin' snake to me. And she said, "Now, I'm gonna tell--she called my name in Cherokee (Indian name). She said, "I'm goin' learn you how to be a doctor--tooth doctor." And anybody have a tooth ache, she said, "You can cure 'em." And said, "You'll never--this is as far as it is goin' and you'll never learn nobody else and nobody else will learn you." She said, "This is the last of it, And that snake just kept laying there. She said, "You take both hands--said you catch 'im by the end of the tail and by the head up there, he won't bite you." She had to beg me a little. I finally walked over there. I picked that dude up. He just straightened out. He never even moved. She said, "You bite that snake from one end to the other.

(She told you to bite it?)

Yeah. And she said, "You'll never have a toothache and you'll be a