

Ah-h-h, they--even today--'course the white people call it hypnotism. Out Indians, I understand does that. And they go into houses. They don't steal anything. But they just being 'onery'. Supposed to put--to hypnotize people, and go in the house. Don't steal!

(Well, do you remember--this was a Creek woman when I was a kid they used to--well the other kids and well, the older people, talked about how she could change herself into an owl. You remember stories like that?)

Uh-h-h-h.

(And it was always the woman who was the witch. Never a man.)

Well I won't call no name, but there used to be a Seminole Indian lived up on North Canadian--

(Man or woman?)

Man. That was very wild about turning himself into an owl. And one thing the Seminole witching is was that--maybe you heard something about this that they would spoil a man's food. Make them, why when he swallow just feel like he's being choked. Feel that food just go down and lodge in his stomach.

(Uh-huh. Just harden.)

Hardens. And then after it's been there four days, they claim that this food will spoil in the stomach, that it just go out into the system. I not going to mention no name, but I know of an incident where a white man saw an Indian and made fun of him. And went on. And this little old Indian man told him, he says, "Well, just make fun of me if you want to." But he says, "I'll get even with you in a different way." And they said in a very short time this man-- Prominent man in town. He got deformed. He's crippled up like arthritis had done.

(Uh-huh. Do you know any other stories along that line? You know they used to--I used to hear stories about how a doctor could, if you wanted him to-- he could kill a man with a horse hair. Different things like that.)