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An interview with Painkiller Watashe,  
a Euchee man, age about 85 years,  
7 miles northwest of Kellyville, on  
Brown Creek.

#### Old Indian Doctor

Painkiller Watashe, an old Indian Doctor, age about 85 years old, says there are many different kinds of herbs that he doctors with in case of sickness.

He says the old Indian way of doctoring was handed down to him from his old folks.

He says the Indian doctors were the only doctors here when the white people first came to this country. When the white people came, they had taken up the doctoring and for many years there were the family herb doctors among the whites in early days, but they have advanced in their skill; also their medicines are made of herbs of the earth that God had planted here for all people.

There is lot of the white man's medicines that is of the Indian herb medicine. It is said that it is told from generation on down that when the Creator, God, first made the Indian, he gave him this way of doctoring, and is still carried on up to this time and days yet.

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Editor's Note: Rufus George, a fullblood  
Euchee, expresses himself in typical Indian  
vernacular. No effort is made to reduce his inter-  
views into correct English as it seems much of value  
would be lost by doing so.