

FOX, WILLIE

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An Interview with Willie Fox;
Euchee Man. 10 miles of Mounds
Age about sixty years old.
Rufus George, Field Worker.

ACTUAL MEDICINE USED

Mr. Willie Fox says there are many kinds of medicine that are used. The Indian doctors have many actual medicines that they use for different kinds of sickness. All of the Indian doctors do not doctor alike and they do not have the same kind of medicine. Each doctor has learned the different kinds of herbs to use as medicine from their forefathers. Some of the doctors do not know each other's medicine. The actual medicines are these; red root, snake root, sen sen root, angelico root, dog wood, persimmon root, elm bark, milk weed root, peach bark, wild cherry bark, calamus root, black haw root, horse mint weed, mud clay, water, fire, charred coals, spice wood, tobacco blossom, mullein leaves, chewing tobacco, wild sage, dirt dauber nests, sassafras root bark, buck berry bush, cottonwood bark, thorn tree root, poke salad root, devil shoe string, and ink balls off of black jack trees. There are many more actual med-

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icines that are used by the Indian doctors but they can not be written down in English for they are named in the Indian language. They can not be written in the Indian language for the Indians do not have an alphabet. The medicines that are mentioned on the list are about a third of the medicines that are used. The Indian doctors have used these medicines for many years and still use them.