

C: They died and no more _____

P: Did they used to come to your house with the _____

C: Oh, they'd come, go to your house any time of the day or night. The office called and go down to the drug store to your office, it was a dollar. If he made a house call here in town, it was two dollars.

P: That's something. That is something. What kinds of medicine did you use for illnesses?

C: The main thing, a doctor'd come to see you, the first thing he'd do is make you stick out your tongue, and then he'd thump your stomach...

P: Uh huh.

C: ...and then he'd order some calomel and follow it with castor oil.

P: Calomel I don't know what that is?

C: Calomel? It's a very potent drug that will flush your bowels.

P: Uh huh. Oh.

C: And they always do what they call salivate you. In other words, if you didn't get all that out of our system right quick, well, it'd rot your teeth out and everything. You'd be in bad shape. So, he'd make you take a lot of castor oil after you got through with calomel. But that was the main, well, most what people had was colds and fever, malaria fever, and things like that.

P: For malaria, did you use quinine?

C: Well, some did. But that came on later _____ and quinine came a little after I grew up a little.

P: How about any home remedies that your mother used?

C: Home remedies? Oh, they gave _____, but I don't know what it was.

P: Uh huh.

C: We had patent medicine on the shelves just like you've got now, only it wasn't a big variety.

P: It's getting close to your time that you need to go.

C: _____

P: Do you know of any tales about heroes? You know, you've heard the tale of Paul Bunyon and people like that. Did they have any tales like that around here?

C: No, I don't know of any.