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put it under a rock. According as that would decay, the warts left. Well, the warts would clear off, you'd never notice them going. I'm telling you, I always believe in the old remedies. I always did. There was a girl down home and she used to have earache bad. And this man was there this night, and he told her to take a roasted onion and put a cloth over it and get her to lay her head on it • and do you know, she did that and I don't think she ever had earache since. I guess it's fumes that are in the onion go up in the ear. But you can't beat a roasted onion for earache. And you know, I used to be so scared of blood, boy, every time I'd see blood on me, I was going to die. And I'm here yet. To stop blood, we used to get what we called puffballs. When they first come up they're green, but when they ripen and you squeeze them, smoke goes out of them. There's nothing in the world that'll beat a puffball to stop blood. We always had them in the house. Just take and tear a piece off the puffball or take the whole puffball and put the inside of it next to the bleeding. And cobwebs. You can't beat cobwebs nor puffballs. (What about a cure for a nursing mother, say if her milk won't come?) I never heard of that. (But it happens with a cow.) Oh yes. But the cow does that themselves. That's what you call "holding her milk." That cow, she doesn't like you to milk her. Probably I'm the one that usually milks that cow. That cow, probably if I go she'll give me that milk; if you go, probably she won't give you a drop. They hold it. I don't think women can hold it. I've seen the cow that has the calf, you try to wean the calf and milk the cow--she wouldn't give you a drop. What you could do was to take their attention. I had one here, I'd get the horse's dump cart saddle and put it on her back, and she'd be thinking of that thing on her back, and I'd get the milk. And did you ever see the mark of the cow's foot in the milk? (No.) By god, you fellows are behind time. Sometimes, there's a certain way • I don't know if it has something to do with the weather, the moon, or what • but you'll get a cup of milk and you'll see the cow's foot in it, and it doesn't matter how you move it or where you milk her, the print, the shape of the cow's foot, is in the milk. It's not every day. I'll tell you another old cure I've seen the Scotch people down home do. When the children had mumps • I myself have seen this done • you've seen in the woods on the old dead trees a kind of a hard moss with a red head on it, and they call it matches. And it just looks like the old cardboard matches • you've never seen a card of matches • they were wooden. This old lady" went out and got all those matches off of that stump, and she tied them in a little bag or with a little string and put them around a boy's neck, for the mumps. And men, when they have the mumps, there's danger of them going down in their bladder and intestines • you know what I mean • very very dangerous. If a man would wear a belt or a rope or tight pants • that keeps the mumps from going down. Something tight. And really, there's no mistake in that. Men, if they get the least bit of cold, the mumps are going to go down. (There was a woman around Tarbot who was famous for being able to help people who couldn't urinate?) Well, there's a weed Excellent Accommodations the MAKkIANt) Dingwall, Victoria County (902) 383-2246 THE OUILTS, HAND-WEAVING OIL PAINTINGS OF

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