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Sommario/riassunto	Annotation Many of these folk medical practices are older than scientific medicine. Some reflect a belief in magic. Seldom written down, this oral lore has been passed down from generation to generation from the time of the first settlements in this country. Some of these cures and remedies work because the items used have medicinal properties, as modern science has shown. Many have no known therapeutic value, but for those who believed in them the power of suggestion was enough.