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St. Vitus Dance

This is how they used to do it - they made medicine and the leader will cut some plug tobacco and distribute it. Then he will ask that the one who is sick will recover. This is called St. Vitus Dance. The one who is left distributes it and throws parched corn in the fire. Then he will lower the fire. Then they will come in and dance in circles around where the possessed one is lying. She takes out of the stove some ashes on her head and they take turns while they dance and the dancers will get small pieces of tobacco. Then they go back outside and they come back in and they scramble for parched corn gruel until it is gone. Then they will compete again for candy and nuts. The sick one will throw it on the floor three times and then they will return. The third time they will take corn soup.