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not likely that the use of these is confined to the women, as his words, "Elles y portent," would seem to imply. Among the sedentary Chukches of Siberia amulets were seen consisting of wooden forks and wood or ivory carvings.¹ A wolf's skull, hung up by a thong; the skin, together with the whole cartilaginous portion of a wolf's nose, and a flat stone, are also mentioned.² Capt. Holm also found wonderfully similar customs among the East Greenlanders. He says,³ "bære alle Folk Amuletter af de mest forskjelligartede Ting" to guard against sickness and to insure long life, and also for specific purposes. The men wear them slung round the neck or tied round the upper arm, the women in their knot of hair or "i Snippen foran paa Pelsen."

> ¹Nordenskiöld, Vega, vol. 2, p. 126; ²Vega, vol. 1, p. 503. ³Geografisk Tidskrift, vol. 8, p. 94.

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