

It is probable that, like the "gorgets" and "ceremonial" stones, the tubes were regarded as being both ornamental and lucky. Were they ever employed as pipes? Even if it could be shown that they had some specific use, the element of superstition would still have to be taken into account, as we have the authority of Schoolcraft and others for believing that all, or almost all, the decorative "environments" of the Indian were looked upon as being more or less in the nature of amulets.



FIG. 48.

We may consider Fig. 48 from the same point of view. It is fashioned from a piece of thick and richly-veined slate—spherical except on one side, which has been made slightly concave in line with the hole which penetrates the piece. It was found on lot 20, con. 18, West Williams, by Mr. Alex. Thompson.

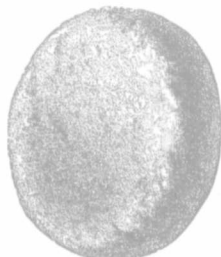
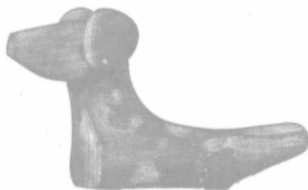


FIG. 49.

Fig. 49 is an unfinished specimen of the same kind, but of different material. A beginning has been made in the drilling of a hole in what is clearly a water-worn stone. It is from Brookfield, Missouri, and was procured from Dr. Rear, Toronto.

Fig. 50. ($\frac{1}{2}$ Size)

The purpose or intention of objects like Figs. 50 to 52 is yet unexplained. Mr. Wilson of the Smithsonian Institute, at Washington, in a recent pamphlet states, that

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