

French in Canada. The pre-historic inhabitants of the Mississippi valley were also evidently acquainted with their manufacture, as remains of shell beads have been found in many of the mounds which survive as the only memorials of that mysterious people.

These Indian beads were known under a variety of names among the early colonists, and were called, *wampum*, *wampom-peage*, or *wampeage*, frequently *peage* or *peake* only, and in some localities *sewan* or *zewand*. But generally *sewan* prevailed among the Dutch, and *wampum* among the English. These names were applied without distinction to all varieties of beads. This confusion arose naturally enough from the scanty acquaintance of the whites with the Indian language. The word *wampum* [*wompam*],¹ which

¹ Trumbull in his notes in the Narragansett Club Reprint of Roger Williams's *Key*, says: "*Wom pam* was the name of