

and as the white kind was the most common, wampumpeage got to be the common name of this substance, which was usually abbreviated into wampum. The black peage consisted of the small round spot in the inside of the shell, which is still usually called in this neighborhood by its indian name of quahog. These round pieces were broken away from the rest of the shell, brought to a smooth and regular shape, drilled to the centre, and strung on threads. The white peage was the twisted end of several small shells, broken off from the main part. These portion of shell, thus strung, were worn as bracelets and neck laces, and wrought into belts of curious workmanship. They thus possessed an intrinsic value with the natives, for the purposes of ornament; and they were readily taken by them in exchange for their furs."

