

on the ground with pebbles, stones, sticks, etc. They also drew figures of men, animals, etc., in the sand with pointed sticks.

Boys used to make figures representing swallows out of wood, and suspend them by strings from branches of trees. Then they watched them go round with the wind.

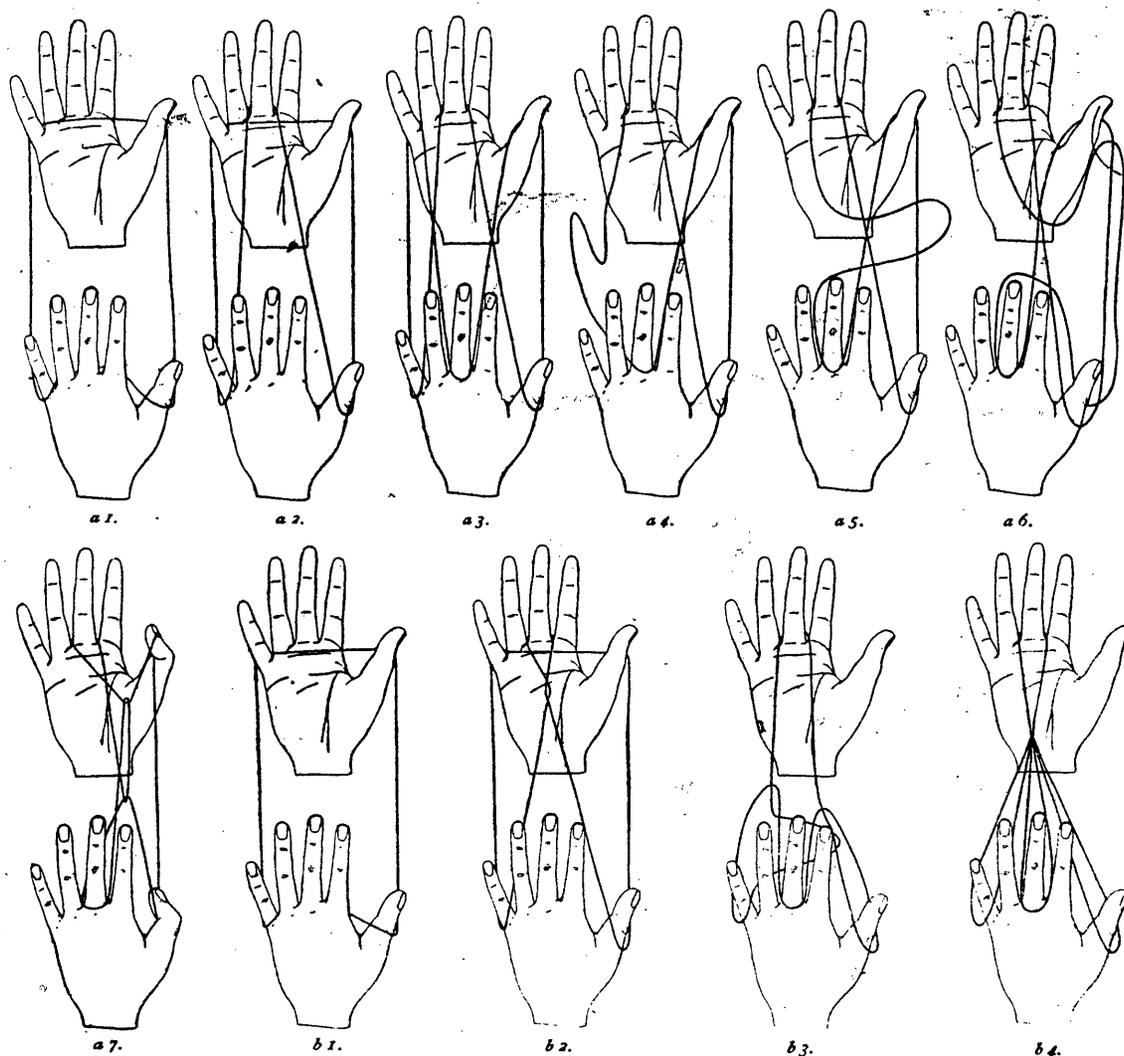


Fig. 270. Game of Cat's-cradle. (From sketches made by Harlan I. Smith.) *a*, 1-7, Dressing a skin; *b*, 1-4, Pitching a tent.

In winter the boys used to roll up balls of grass and throw them into the waters of swift creeks, letting them float down with the current. The other boys stood in a row along the edge of the ice with long, sharp-pointed sticks in their hands, and tried to spear these balls (or fish, as they were called) as they floated past. Still another amusement for boys was seeing who could stand longest on his head. Seesaw was a favorite game with both boys and girls, and was just like the seesaw of the whites.