

correct to say that such articles are now mainly manufactured for sale as curiosities. With the disappearance of large game, skull-crackers of this description have become useless. The head is commonly fashioned from quartz or some other hard kind of stone. Generally they are about as accurately formed as if they had been turned. A groove is cut round the middle, and a thong of raw-hide encircling this and being bound tightly to the handle keeps the head firmly in position. The heads are from four to six inches in length and from one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half inches in diameter. The handle, including its leather covering, seldom exceeds three-fourths of an inch in diameter and is usually about three feet long. A foot or more of loose raw-hide extends beyond the handle. Besides being ornamental this was useful for wrapping round the hand before grasping the shaft, giving a much firmer grip. Since Fig. 58 was engraved we have been presented by the Rev. John McLean, M.A., of Fort McLeod, with a very handsome modern specimen of the "tommy-stick," as such a weapon is sometimes called. It is highly finished, and a pattern cut in the stone has been inlaid with lead. Mr. McLean has, besides this, presented the Museum with a large number of valuable articles illustrative of modern life among the Blood Indians, connected with whom he has resided for nine years. Further reference to these articles must be deferred until the issue of the next report, as they are not now available for description.

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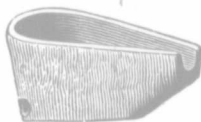


FIG. 59.

Among the articles of Eskimo manufacture mentioned in last report as having been presented by F. F. Payne, Esq., we have a set of "men" resembling dominoes, a number of carved figures representing a fish, a bear, a seal, a goose and two human beings. Besides these were a comb, a thimble, some ornaments and a powder measure—all made of bone. The last mentioned is illustrated nearly full size at Fig. 59.

SHELL.

FIG. 60 ($\frac{3}{4}$ Size.)

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