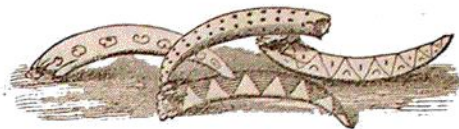


time; but they generally pass their nights in gambling. Mr. Drayton, while at the falls, obtained a knowledge of some of their games. The women usually play during the day at a game resembling dice. The implements are made of the incisor teeth of the beaver, and four of these are used, which are engraved on two sides with different figures, and the figures on two of the teeth are alike: these are taken in the hand and thrown on a mat, the players sitting on it, opposite to one another. They are of the shape represented in the cut. If all the blank sides come up, it counts nothing; if all the engraved or marked sides, it counts two; if two blanks and two differently marked sides, it counts nothing; but if two with like marks, it counts one. The game is generally twenty, which are marked with pieces of stick; the tens are noted with a smaller stick. This game is played for strings of dentalium, called by them "ahikia;" each string is about two feet long, and will pass for considerable value, as the shells are difficult to procure: ten of them are said to be worth a beaver-skin.



INDIAN DICE.

The men and boys play a game with small bows and arrows: a wheel, about a foot in diameter, is wound round with grass, and is rolled over smooth ground; the players are divided into two parties: one rolls the wheel, while the other shoots the arrow at it. If he sticks his arrow into the wheel, he holds it on the ground edgewise towards the one who rolled it, who, if he shoots his arrow into it, wins his opponent's arrow; and this goes on by turns.

Another game is played by a party of men and boys, in the following manner: two poles are taken, six or eight feet long, and wound round with grass; these are set up about fifty feet apart. Each player has a spear, which he throws in his turn. Whichever side, after a number of throws, puts the greatest number of spears in their opponent's pole, wins the game. The usual bet among the men is a cotton shirt.

Mr. Drayton also paid a visit to the Indian village on the Klackamus river, which is about three miles from the falls, in company with Mr. Waller. The village is one and a half miles up the Klackamus, and its inhabitants number about forty-five individuals. Mr. Waller went there to preach, and about half the inhabitants of the village attended. The chief was the interpreter, and was thought to have done his office in rather a waggish sort of manner. Preaching to the natives through an interpreter is at all times difficult, and especially so when the speaker has to do it in the Indian jargon of the country. This village