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Dear Sir

In your work (the only one which
I have had the pleasure of reading)
"On Fossil Bones" allusion is made on
page 144 Chapter Vth English section
to certain small notched bones which
may have been used as talismans etc
and which are used in a game by
the natives in Queen Charlotte Islands.

Among the Anabachnes men whom I
have recently completed a tour of duty
in Fortness Wyoming a favorite gam-
-bling game consists of four of the
small bones of a Deer by stung upon

a buckskin thong, one end being in
tassel, while the other is fastened to
a wire skewer; each bone is marked
with numerous scratches, in rows from
two to six, and has also three informa-
-tions in each side, and one informa-
-tion also at each end. The game is played
in a similar manner to "Cups and Ball"
When the bone is caught upon the
skewer longitudinally, through the
middle bay, count 10. When the Player
counts the number scratched upon the
bone; when the bone is caught trans-
versely, through the informations, that
count 10; when the tassel is
caught the game is ended, and so it

is not considered fair to play for the
tassel, as it ends the game too so-
-brusely. Some of these Indians are
very expert catching from one to the
entire series of bones at each throw.

Among the finds are village sites in
the Anishinabe valley, large numbers of
similar bones are found unbroken, but
however without either perforations on
sides or notches, while these may have
been used for ornaments etc. etc.
Some of them may also have been
used in games, through the Anishinabe
game possessing a double system
of notches, counting by notches and

by inspection also, may be a develop-
ment of the primitive amplexus.

I am Sir

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