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Country *Oceanica*  
Locality *Samoa Islands*  
People *Samoans* *Polynesian* Stock  
Name *Instrument used in tattooing - made of bone ~~and~~  
tooth fastened to bamboo handle*

A set of 3, made of bone teeth securely fastened to bamboo handles. The Samoans are not remarkable for their tattooing, and at the present time owing to modifications, rarely seen. The loins and legs to the knees, like unto breeches, and occasionally a few other places,

Collection *Gustavus Howard*

constitute the principal locations on the body, while the face is never marked excepting rarely the lips. The women are but slightly tattooed.

What is done however shows skillful work. The mallet is used and the incision is deep and painful, performed during the period of youth or early manhood.

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