

Country *Oceanica*
 Locality *Samoa Islands*
 People *Samoaans* *Polynesian* Stock
 Name *Tapa cloth Beater or Club* - of hard wood
 (*Temaau*), - square in shape, ribbed on 3 sides the other
 flat

The bark of the tree (generally mulberry) when soaked in water and softened and cleansed, is pounded on a flat stone by the beater or club, until reduced to a fine fibre, of white color.

Collection *Gustavus Howard*

When spread out and dried, the adherent parts are glued together in layers sufficient to make the native cloth, called *SIAPO* and *TAPA*. The work is performed by women, and the sound of the beating may be heard in every village.

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