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No 8230

Country

Dr. Guiana

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People

Locality

Name

Whip of twisted pale  
fiber: "Macquarri whip"

Collection

Quech. Calm. N. E. E.  
(over)

Where Placed

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The Arawak natives of Guiana practise or, until recently, practised a remarkable dance at their feasts. It probably serves as a test of fortitude and Spartan courage. The men stand in two lines, each armed with whips known as macquarie with strong fiber lashes. During the progress of the dance a couple of men withdraw from the line and whip the calves of eachothers legs. This is done with all possible strength and in regular turn until the legs are covered with welts and blood. The punishment is inflicted and born with the greatest good temper and at the end of the dance the participants retire and drink together.