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Cassava baskets

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The deep and well made rectangular baskets with high rims are made and used by the natives of the forest region to catch the cassava meal as it is sifted through the sifter and also to hold the cakes after they have been toasted and cooked on the griddle. Frequently they are raised upon short legs of wood. These baskets are very carefully and artistically made of splints of iturite, plaited close together without interstices so that the cassava flour will not sift through. Cross-bars are put at the corners to strengthen and preserve the shape. The interior is generally woven so that dainty and artistic geometric designs are produced, frequently by the use of dyed splints but also by the manipulation of splints in monochrome.