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The best and most artistic baskets made by the natives of Guiana are the "telescope" baskets known as pegalls. These are, like all of the better class of basketry, made by the men from the splints of the Ischnosiphon known as iturite. They are used to contain the ornaments and other personal property of the native, such as knives, beads and similar possessions. The basket and the lid are practically the same size, but the lid fits over and entirely covers the base. Both are made of twilled or plaited splints but the lid is always artistically decorated with geometric designs made by plaiting splints which have been dyed black together with those of natural color. The baskets of the Arawak, Ackawoi and Warraus are square in shape while those of the True Carib are oblong.