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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

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Country

Br. Guiana

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People

Locality

Name

Five fans = plaited straw
long handles (over)

Collection

Leitch = Com. W. C. E.

Where Placed

Notes

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Many or most of the tribes of northern South America make fans of a very special type for the purpose of blowing or fanning the fire while it is being made. In Guiana they are made of the young leaflets of a palm, *Astrocaryum tucumoides*. The method of plaiting the strands is very ingenious and a very serviceable implement is produced. The larger fans with double crossed handles are the common fans made by the Arawak of the Pomeroun District while the smaller ones with a single long handle and tufts of vari-colored feathers are probably of the type made by the Warraus.

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