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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

16-28

No 8239

Country

*W. Guiana*

People

*Warraws*

Locality

Name

*Wrestling shield*

over

Collection

*Quelch - Com. W. G. B.*

Where Placed

Notes

*9-11-11*

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These shields are made and used solely by the men of the Warraus tribe in a sport or contest which is held generally on the occasion of their great paiwari feasts. They are known as haha and are made by lashing together strips of the pith of the aeta palm. A challenge having been given and accepted, each man seizes his shield and faces the other. At a favorable opportunity one rushes at the other, holding his shield before him by the sides and endeavors to upset his apponent. The shields having met, each endeavors to push the other from his firm position, and the one succeeding in so doing claims the victory.