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Country *Br. Guiana*

People

Locality

Name *Two balls of cotton yarn*
(over)

Collection *Quilch = Com. N. C. E.*

Where Placed

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A small quantity of cotton is grown and spun by almost all the natives of Guiana but by far the greater quantity is grown by the Arecunas and by them traded to other groups. It is gathered, ginned and spun by the women. The spindle is a slender stick passing through a large bone or wooden disk. By this means the cotton is twisted to a strong thread. Cotton threads of three grades are made. After being spun it is transferred to a ball which is wound in a way very characteristic of the region. This thread is then used for weaving hammocks, making personal ornaments and many other purposes. For weaving hammocks it is transferred to a bobbin such as on card 8249.