

here a string and they had a needle--like them big ones. I got one my grandma used to use (looks in her box for the needle). And, you know, they used to throw it up like this--they would hold it like this and go that way, and the bones used to come down and they used to try to catch all of them (cup and pin game). I've got my grandmother's "knitting needle" in here--I used to have it. These kids get away with my things (looking for the needle). There--that's the way it was. There was a buckskin string over here and you throw it (the bones) like that sometimes all them bones used to come in.

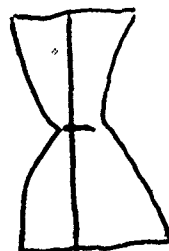
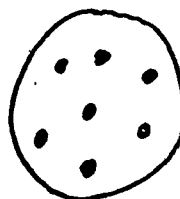
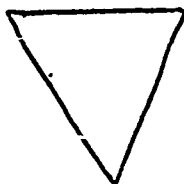
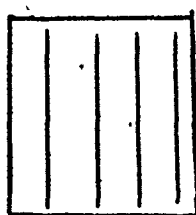
(You mean they could catch them all at once?)

Yeah. That needle was my grandmother's. My husband used to use it when he sewed harness--when he was sewing on his harness. And this one (showing me an awl)--my fahter made this. It's walnut (the handle). I used to bead with it. That's all I've got.

(Could you draw me pictures of the bone dice used in that basket game?)

(Some joking comments about how she can't draw well--then she draws some of the dice.)

I'm not a very good hand (referring to her drawing). Some of them were shaped like this. And then they had a brand straight across like this. And straight across that way. And then they had this kind. And they had brand--four of them (straight lines). And then there were some that were like this (triangles). And then there were some like this--I don't know how to draw it--they had this kind and this kind and there were some round ones like that, and they had dots, you know--round dots they burned on. They used to say them were "stars." And they had some cut like that (crescents) it had this way on there. That's the way they were. This one (the curved one) was about this long (1½"). They were small. They weren't--now this one--not very big. About that big size--little ones. And then this one, it was just little. And then they had some that were cut like this--("butterfly" shape). And how they cut them, I don't know.



Shape and markings of bone dice used