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## CORNSTALK SHOOTING

Straight cornstalks of uniform size are selected, cut four feet long, ricked up between stakes two feet apart and two feet high, these are placed one hundred yards apart. The contesting parties stand at one of these piles and shoot at the pile at the other end of the one hundred yards.

They, each side have equal number of shots. Each side paint their arrows and of course of different colors, so there will be no confusion. Each stalk that the arrow passes through counts one and twenty such shots counts a score and three scores counts a game. But it is understood that one side of the contestants can only make a score of twenty at any one pile of stalks and, for instance if one side would shoot through twenty-one stalks, that only counts twenty but if the opposite side should shoot through twenty-two stalks, that would only count twenty but would win because it is a higher score than that of the other. Of course the side that reaches the score of three scores of twenty each wins the game.

It is said that the ones who intend to contest in one of these games never eat the evening before the contest the next day, and that they only eat one piece of bread the morning of the contest, however the day of the contest is more or less a day of fasting during the intervals while they are not shooting.

These games usually lasted all of one or more days.

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