quantities of food prepared, and during the feast, which lasted for several days, the whole of the stores distributed to the guests. sometimes particular articles being given to individuals, and again others thrown indiscriminately to the crowd who snatches at and tore or cut them in pieces that each might secure a token. These great affairs have gradually fallen into disuse among those tribes most nearly associated with the whites; but still take place with the more remote, as the Clallams, Lummis &c. on a smaller scale however, they are every where practiced.

Gambling.

There are several games, the principle of which is the same. In one a small piece of bone is passed rapidly from hand to hand, shifted behind the back &c. the object of the contending party being to ascertain in which hand it is held. Each side is furnished with five or ten small sticks, which serve to mark the game, one stick being given by the success, whenever he loses and received whenever he wins. On guessing correctly it is his turn to manipulate. When all the sticks are won the game ceases and the winner receives the stakes, consisting of clothing and any other articles, as the play may be high or low, for simple amusement or eager rivalry. The backers of the party manipulating keep up