game belonging properly to themselves It is played with four beaver teeth, having particular marks on each side, "meh-ta-la". They are thrown as dice, success depending on the arrangement in which they fall. Each species of gambling has its appropriate tamahnous, or as it is called upon the sound "Skwolatitude", that is, its patron spirit, whose countenance is invoked by the chant and noise The tamahnous of the game of hand is called by the Nisquallies "Tsaik"; of the dice, "Kwank'h"; It would seem that this favor is not merely solicited during the game; but sometimes in advance of it, and perhaps for general or continued fortune.

Col. Simmons, informed me, that he saw an Indian at the falls of the Tenalquet, die from exhaustion and over excitement while undergoing a performance intended to secure this tamahnous. He had lain for several days in a lodge without eating, while his friends shouted and drummed, until Death himself "jumped the game", on him. Of horse racing it is unnecessary to speak.

Medicine & Diseases

Besides the regular practice of the Tamahnous men, who may be considered the Faculty, the Indians used a number of plants as medicines, somewhat as Herb Doctors intrude their nostrums in the States. Among these is the root of the Oregon