

The men wear armlets (often seven or eight on each arm) of *Trochus niloticus* shell, like those of Fiji, the Carolines, and elsewhere. The rings are neatly engraved with lines forming patterns composed of lozenges, triangles, and transverse bars, the raised lines being blackened so as to form a dark background against which the lozenges show



FIG. 239.—Four Armlets, consisting of horizontal sections of *Trochus niloticus* shells, engraved with various patterns, from the Admiralty Islands.

out in strong relief (see fig. 239). The *Ovulum* shells worn by the men are usually tastefully decorated in a similar manner, and form very effective ornaments indeed.

Long styles of *Tridacna* shell are worn dependent from the nose. They are very like those which, in the Solomon Islands, are worn stuck transversely through the septum

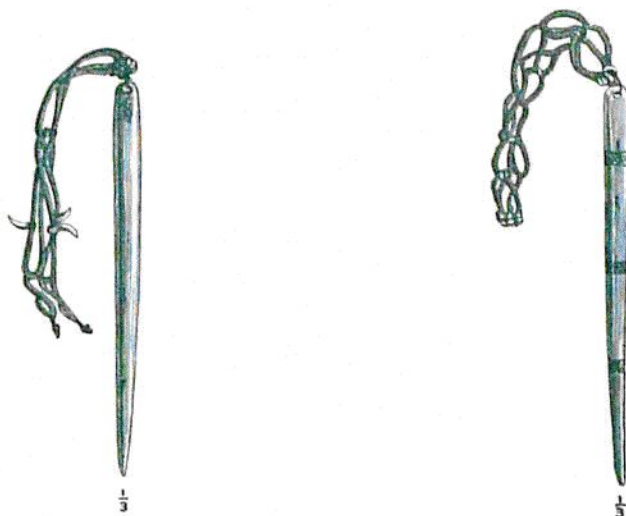


FIG. 240.—Pendent Nose Ornaments from the Admiralty Islands, made of ground *Tridacna* shell, with loops of twine for suspension. One specimen ornamented with engraved rings.

nasi, but are here always worn hanging by loops of plaited twine sometimes ornamented with teeth (see fig. 240). Ear and nose ornaments are also made of the teeth of the *Cuscus* of the islands or of crocodiles' teeth. The ears and nasal septa are always perforated. Pieces of rolled-up leaf are sometimes worn in the ear (perhaps those of *Chavica betel*).