

"As the Fish clan is the leading clan of the Prairie Potawatomi, the various bundles of the other clans are laid out in a row, with the Fish clan bundle at the head. Before giving the ceremony, the Fish clan chief, who is also chief of the tribe, has called upon his followers to bring certain small minor bundles, which, in some instances, consist of pounded fish bones.

"After the hanging of the gifts, the Fish Dance is held. A certain song is struck up, whereupon the girls and women produce native-made seines, often handsomely ornamented. In these they catch the men, two girls manipulating each net. These seines are usually kept after the manner of the sacred bundles by the women of the clan. After the dance the entire clan retires to the bank of the nearest body of water, where, led by the chief, they sing the clan song and, at its close, sprinkle tobacco on the water.

"Among the objects which comprise the sacred bundle of the Fish clan which reposes in the care of the tribal chief, is a green painted wooden model of a sunfish representing the fish which turned into a child and became founder of the clan, as related in the origin myth.

"Tattooing instruments, which are also kept in the bundle, are composed of needles made from the teeth of a fish called 'Pashitu', (sheepshead), or, more recently, of the teeth of the gar."

#### *Among the Winnebago*

There was a Fish clan among the Winnebago Indians of Wisconsin. According to Oliver Lemere the last surviving member of this clan died several years ago.

The Winnebago called themselves "Hotcangara," which is generally translated by ethnologists as meaning "big fish people." Ho is the Winnebago word for fish. Dr. Paul Radin, in his study of "The Winnebago Tribe," (Eth. Ann. 37), reports the name of the Winnebago Fish clan as being "Ho Hik'ik'aradjera" and states that no information of any consequence was obtainable about this clan and that at the time of obtaining his information, (1908-1913), only a few survivors of the clan were living and almost all of his informants claimed they were recent additions to the tribe.