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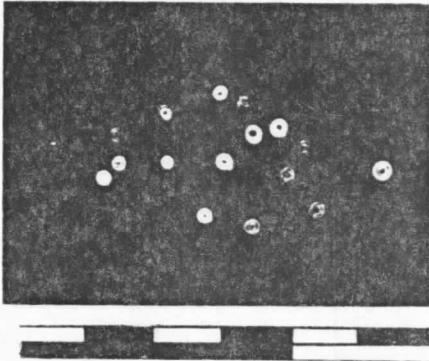
FOOD-RELATED ARTIFACTS

Chunga
Chunga
Kony
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Tkon

Jean-Pierre Cloutier

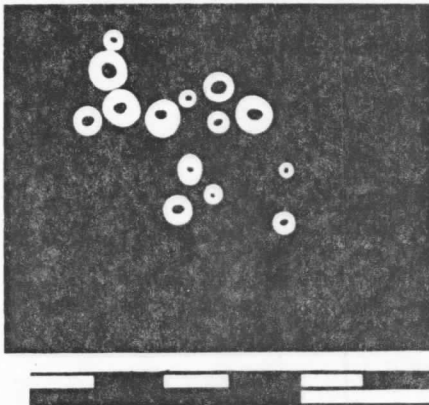
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I made them Presents of some small Articles but they were fonder of the Beads than anything else I gave particularly Blue Ones. One of them to whom I had given a Knife asked me to change it for three Branches of Beads which I did to please him.

*Alexander Mackenzie,
Mackenzie River, 1789*



The process of embroidering ammunition pouches displays much ingenuity. They (Cree Indians) make a kind of tambour frame, with sinews stretched in parallel lines by a bow. Across these they interweave beads and quills into gay and sometimes elegant patterns.

*Robert Hood,
First Franklin Expedition, 1819-21*



The Enamel Beads of this season are a perfect dead stock in both our Indian and Sale shops--being too large--instead of selling them at 12 skins p lb. I shall never be able to sell them at 1 skin a pound--have you none smaller to send us. -

Donald Ross, Norway House, 1838