

OBS II blubber or fat scraper with "sculpin" head at one end, 19.6 cm



Bruce White photos

For very similar scrapers, see Wardwell (1986, #87, p. 78, #112, p. 93), and *Tresors du nouveau Monde* (1992, Fig. 8). Rainey (1941, Fig. 21, No. 6 and 7) also describes trough-shaped scrapers, open at both ends, that are cut from the base of a walrus tusk and have two sharp scraping edges. One of these (No. 7) has "round sockets in one raised end and a 'snout-like' appearance" similar to that of this scraper, that was apparently "recycled", probably for use as a wrist guard, by the later addition of round holes and slots along the edges.

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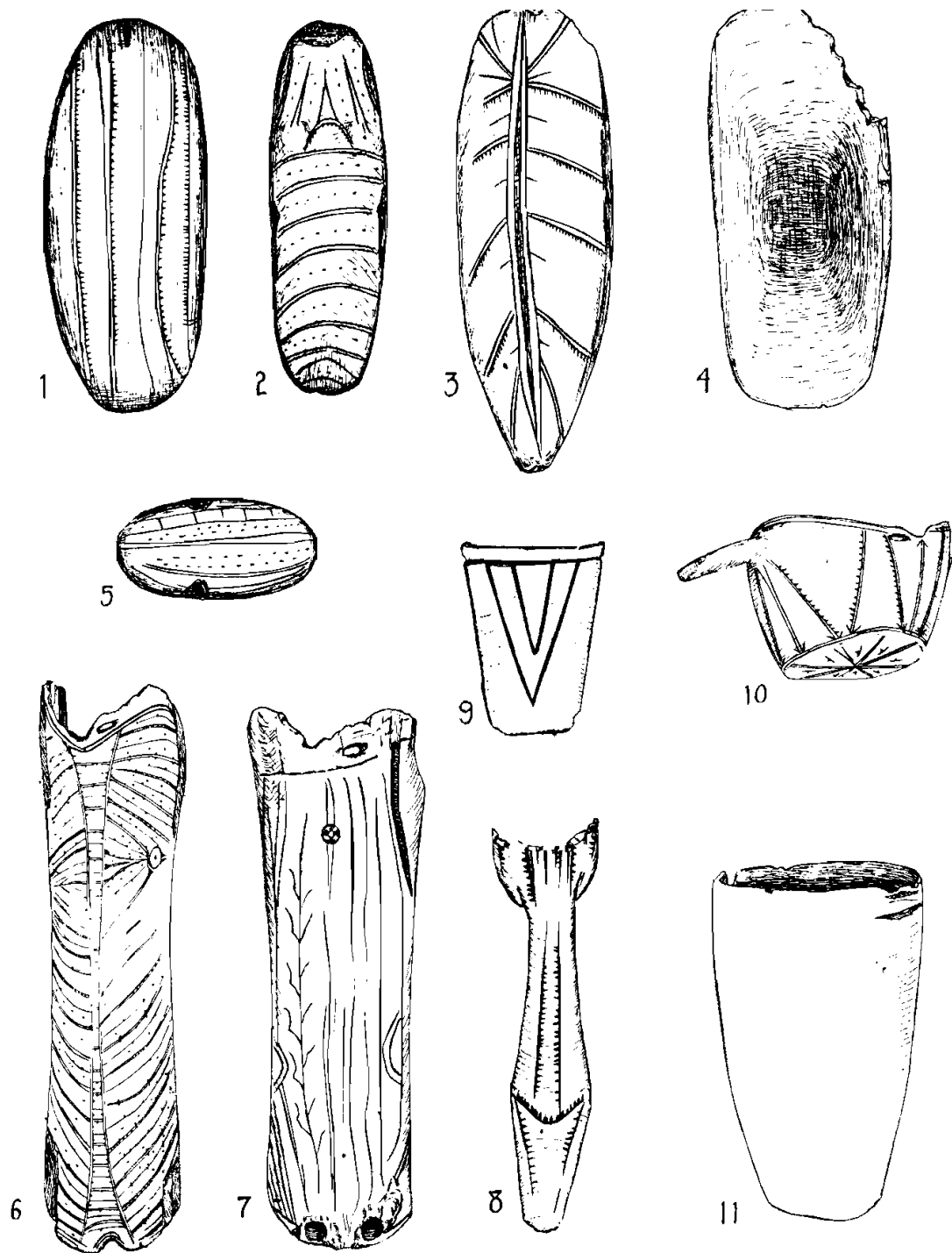


Fig. 21. Blubber or Fat Scrapers and Cups. Length of No. 1, 10.5 cms.

Rainey, 1941