

players wore leather pads on these parts to make the rubber ball bound from them more easily.

The winning shot was so difficult and so seldom made that, according to another rule of the game, the lucky player had forfeited to him all the clothing of the spectators.

At the court of Montezuma, where the game first was witnessed by the Spaniards high stakes were wagered on the game by the Aztec nobles - quills filled with gold dust, estates, even liberty, the betters becoming slaves if they lost.

It is notable that from the balls used in this game the Spaniards gained their first conception of rubber.

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#### NATIVE AMERICAN ELEPHANTS ROAMED CONTINENT RECENTLY

Evidence that mastodons only recently became extinct in America was presented to the British Association for the Advancement of Science by Prof. J. W. Russell of the University of Western Ontario.

Most mastodon remains have been recovered from bogs containing peaty material which acted as a preservative; so that it has been impossible to tell how long since these big elephants lived. Prof. Russell told of finding a mastodon skeleton which had no preservative, and showed the bones and described the rapid weathering and dissolving which would have occurred had they been long exposed. The bones show that the mastodon must have died quite recently, he concluded.

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#### COLORED GLASSES TO AID COLOR-BLIND

The possibility of at least a partial cure of color-blindness was pointed out at the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, by H. E. Roaf, M.D., professor of physiology at the Medical School of the University of London.

"As a result of the examination of color-blind individuals", reports Professor Roaf, "it has been found that some of them are sensitive to as great an extent of the spectrum and apparently with intensity equal to that of normal people. Therefore the difficulty of these persons must lie in their failure to differentiate certain wave lengths of light. Such individuals can recognize their mistakes by examination of their color matches through a colored screen. It is possible that if such a person wore a colored glass over one eye, he might learn to recognize colors like normal persons while wearing the glass."

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#### STRANGE PREHISTORIC PEOPLE DISCOVERED IN MAINE WOODS

Discovery of remains of prehistoric people in central Maine unrelated to any known Indians of the United States, was announced to the British Association for the Advancement of Science by Warran K. Moorehead, editor of "American Archaeology". Stone implements found in graves of this extinct race show a slight similarity with