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gree of craftsmanship was a pendant accompanying Burial 3, an infant interred within refuse pit F18. The material was a section of large marine shell, slightly yellowed but otherwise well preserved in comparison with the condition of freshwater bivalves abundantly present at the site. The shape was trapezoidal, 55 mm. high, 49 mm. wide at the base, and 29 mm. wide at the top, with a 3.5 mm. perforation showing wear from the string it once hung on. The thickness was uniformly 2.5 mm., but the surface arched 7 mm. over the distance of the long dimension. No incised decoration was observable, although the fine striations left from the original finishing polish were all still visible.

Notched shell (F2-7-19). All shells encountered in troweling the fill of refuse pits were examined for evidence of cutting, but only one case of such treatment can be reported. Six notches 2 mm. deep and half as wide were spaced over 11 mm. of the edge of an otherwise unmodified valve (not illustrated).

ARTICLES OF EUROPEAN ORIGIN

REFUSE PIT F28

Glass bead (F28-NVC-3). A single glass bead of a distinctive material was found in Feature 28. The substance was white glass with a very finely pocked surface, which, combined with the shape—that of a small doughnut, with a node on one side a millimeter high—made the bead resemble a bit of breakfast cereal. (Pl. 19-h. Diameter, 12 mm.; thickness, 4.5 mm., excluding node; diameter of perforation, 4.5 mm.)

Associated aboriginal material (F28-NVC-1 and 2). Pit F28 was sterile except for the bead described above, a chert chip, and a split potsherd (F28-NVC-1) with a maximum dimension of 2 cm. The outer surface of the sherd was very smooth, but the cleavage face showed many small particles of dark grit. These characteristics, plus its brown color, relate it to Category G of ceramics (Chapter 4).

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Plate 19. Articles of European origin found at the Carcajou site (scale variable)

A. Rolled brass wire. Field number F70-NVC-4. 123 mm.

B. Brass gun ornament. State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

C. Tongued silver ornament. S.H.S.W.

D. Saw fashioned from a brass strip. S.H.S.W.

E. Gunflint. S.H.S.W.

F. Jew's harp. S.H.S.W.

G. Silver crucifix. S.H.S.W.

H. Glass bead. F28-NVC-3. Diameter 12.5 mm. H'. Sectional view of H.

I. Iron awl. F33-NVC-2. 151 mm.

J. Brass tinkler. S-48. 40 mm.

K. Bead fashioned from a flattened lead musket ball. S-46. Diameter 20, thickness 5 mm.

L. Iron ax. F33-NVC-1. Length 210 mm, "bite" 105 mm. L'. End view of L.

