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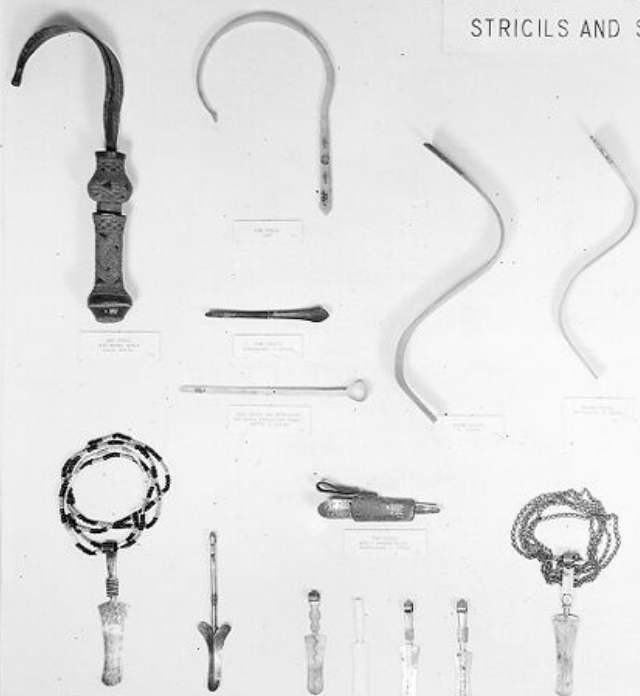
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# STRICILS AND SKIN SCRAPERS



## SKIN SCRAPERS (FAK'AK-UI) SUDAN, AFRICA

These scrapers are made of fine and coarse clay, and are used for smoothing and polishing the skin of the whole body the coarse ones being used for the feet only. They are also employed in the treatment of skin diseases, in order to remove the surface before applying the remedy.

The scrapers are to be found in at *Hamam*, a form of Turkish bath where their use precedes and follows prolonged massage and joint-cracking. They are made in the form of animal figures, possibly with the idea of scaring away evil spirits, which are supposed to haunt the *Hamam*.

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