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etc.). The reports for Casablanca and Ghadames are likewise quite consistent with the assumption that tally-strings must be considered in the light of relations with Europeans and Arabs. It is actually only the evidence for the Herero which appears to be in direct contradiction to this idea. We cannot venture a definite opinion on this question, however, until we have compiled the next part of this study, dealing with tally-sticks. It is possible that these in large parts of their area of distribution (especially the coastal areas of East and West Africa) have been superseded by the later tally-strings, which thereby also adopted additional functions apart from their original ones.

For the time being, however, we may leave the question open. In any case it seems quite obvious, though, that the "West African" weekly and