

also used (see fig. 244), and stake nets, lines of stakes for which are conspicuous objects just off the shore near the villages.



FIG. 245.—Admiralty Island Fish-hook made of *Trochus* shell.

The fish-hooks are made of *Trochus* shell, all in one piece, and are of a simple hooked form without a barb (see fig. 245). The natives did not seem to care for steel fish-hooks, and apparently did not, at first at least, understand their use. It is possible that they have never found out the plan of using bait on a hook. Apparently all Polynesian and Melanesian fish-hooks are of the nature of artificial baits of bright nacre, imitating small fry in the water. If the natives did not understand the use of baits, it is no wonder that they despised European fish-hooks.

The tool in most constant use by the natives is a small adze, consisting of a natural crook of wood on which is bound a *Terebra maculata* shell ground down until only one lateral half of it remains. Such small shell adzes were abundant enough even at this time, but in most cases the shell had been replaced on the handle



FIG 246.—Admiralty Island Adze, with blade of *Terebra maculata* shell.



FIG. 247.—Admiralty Island Adze in which the blade of *Terebra* shell has been replaced by one of hoop iron.

by a piece of hoop iron. Almost every man carried one of these small adzes hung on his left shoulder. From the houses large adze blades made of *Tridacna* and *Hippopus* shells were obtained somewhat resembling those from the Caroline Islands, but very roughly made indeed, only the actual edge being ground (see fig. 248). None were seen