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Blood Indian Woman with Dog Travois, 1924

Turtle Stones

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Scattered over our province are interesting rocks which people sometimes call "Turtle Stones." The marking on these rocks do sometimes, as in the one illustrated, resemble the markings of a turtle carapace, but these rocks are not parts of a fossil turtle. The Turtle Stone has been formed by the cracking of some early deposit. The polygonal cracks are later filled in by another material, perhaps a calcite. These two rock materials are later exposed and in this case the rock has been water-worn, for its edges are rounded and smooth.

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