

THE SHISHI GIG.

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Among the Quileute Indians of the Olympic Peninsula, Washington, the little tots from four to twelve years of age dance a dance called the Shishi gig. What significance there may be in the name is unknown. In this dance the participants get their bodies into a stooped, almost sitting position and then dance a vigorous forward dance, as is shown in the accompanying cut. At feasts and on special dance occasions, a prize is given to the child who can dance the longest in this semi-sitting position. Sides are taken and coaches cheer their respective aspirants on to get them to keep up the dancing. At these times the excitement runs high. The dance is an amusing sight



SHISHI GIG DANCE.

