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Country Luzon Isld., Philippine Islands.

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Locality Cagayan River, Ifugu.

People Ilongot.

Stock.

(gaiyān).

Name Spear. Roundish shaft of palm wood. Upper

half partly covered with palm leaf and spiral
wrappings of split rattan. Double barbed, slender,
metal point. Used in warfare. (over)

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Notes

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Width Length 169.6 cm Height Price

This weapon is employed both in hunting and warfare, but principally for the latter. The shafts are made of the light but strong wood of the palma brava are smaller than those employed by any other head-hunting tribe in the Island. They are generally ornamented with strips of metal, bamboo, or rattan, which are wound spirally about the greater length of the shaft. The barbed points are small to correspond with the shaft. Throughout a large part of the Illongot district these metal heads are cut from the blades of old knives in the following manner. The metal to be worked is not heated, but is fastened on a log and is then roughed out with another blade, the back of which is hit with a hammer or mallet. Later the spear point is again fastened on the log in such a manner that it can be readily filed, and is then worked down to the desired size and shape.