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Country Luzon Isld., Philippine Islands.

Locality Cagayan River (?)

People Ilongot.

Stock.

Name Bark cloth. "Women's cloth (pina-an)."

Light colored. (over)

Collection R. F. Cummings Philippine Expedition,  
(Wm. Jones, Collector, 1908-09).

Notes

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Width Length Height Price

Only the bark of certain kinds of trees are used in the manufacture of cloth. Small poles about six feet long are cleaned of the loose outer bark by scraping toward the smaller end of the pole. At this point the stick is cut in two, then the operator pulls the point of her knife from one end of the pole to the other, pushes the edge of the blade thru the slit and presses the back against the inner bark until she is able to pull the inner bark and core apart. One strip is placed on a stone with the outside surface up. Taking one of the notched mallets the worker begins to pound the bark, while with her free hand she moves the strip about until the whole surface has received a pounding. The piece is then doubled on itself and beaten, and this is repeated until the strip is much thinner and broader than when removed from pole. It is then hung in the sun.