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Country

Philippine Islands

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Locality

People

Moro?

Stock.

Name

"Bansug" and sheath. Flat, thick, wide, single edged, oval blade. Upper end of handle of ivory, one long end carved. Lower half of handle, with silver band. Flap wooden sheath over.

Collection

E. E. Ayer

Notes

Acc.

980

Price

Fighting knife of exceptional beauty. The possession of such a weapon marks the owner as a man of wealth and importance in the community. Each knife is the work of a native smith whose conveniences for working steel are of the simplest, but the blades he produces are highly tempered. Silver coins furnish the metal from which the ferrules are made, while the hilts are of polished ivory secured from Borneo.