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Country Luzon Isld., Philippine Islands.
 Locality Cagayan River.
 People Ilongot. Stock.
 Name Shield. Narrow. Of light wood. Outer surface
 coated with dark substance. Lower end squared. Upper
 end three anchor-like points. Wooden handhold of
 shield proper. (over)

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

Notes

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Width 13.7 cm, Length 109.7 cm, Height Price

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The shields carried by Hlongot warriors differ both in size and form from those used by any other tribe in Luzon. It has been asserted that these narrow shields have been developed because of the small, light spears and arrows in use in this district, but this explanation will not suffice for here, as elsewhere in Luzon.

Shields which have become weakened by cracks or breaks are strengthened with cross lashings of rattan, while shaved strings of the same vine, grass tassels, or leaf wrapping are commonly added to give decoration.

The men carry these defensive weapons in their left hands, and with them are able to deflect arrows and spears directed at them by an enemy.

