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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA

Field No.

People or Culture: Chinese

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Object: TOGGLE

Material: Gilla bean

Description: Dark brown bean surface coated with clear transparent lacquer, made into bun-shaped toggle, transfixed thru center by small iron pin with cuboctahedral head holding ring. Small iron washers (once gilded), in form of 6-petaled flowers at top and bottom. Top surface lightly engraved with river scene; bottom surface inscribed with long poem in minute Chinese characters, dated "Ming Dynasty, reign of Yung Lo". (Date of poem not necessarily date

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Dimensions:

(in cm.)

of inscription.) (over)

max. diameter - 4.8 , max. height - 3.8

Acc. 2780

Collection of Chinese Toggles: Gift of Miss C. E. Bieber, 4 October 1962

Acquired in Jade Market, Peking, in late 1920's,
early 1930's.