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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA

People or Culture: Chinese

Object: TOGGLE

Material: Dalbergia wood (chin ssu t'an mu)

Description: Disc toggle of dark polished Dalbergia wood with inlay of thin metal wire, representing an ancient ritual jade ring (pi), wrapped in a silken scarf, with the ends of the scarf tied at the center to form a bar for attaching the cord. Some of the wire inlay has dropped out, leaving part of the pattern simply indicated by incised lines. Both in style and appearance this seems very old. Acquired in Jade Market, Peking, late 1920's, early 1930's.

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

max. diam - 5.8

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