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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA

People or Culture: Chinese

Object: TOGGLE and knife and chopstick set

Material: nephrite jade, silver fittings;
chopstick set: wood, embroidered cotton,
Description: brass, bone.

Disc toggle formed of flat ring of white nephrite jade, with 2 silver plates covering the central aperture on each side. The front plate, ornamented in high relief, has the figure of a Chinese lion playing with silk scarfs and an embroidered ball, against a lightly punched background enclosed by ornamental borders; the rear plate is undecorated,

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

max. diam. - 5.9 ; max. length - 28.5 , max. width - 3.0

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Collection of Chinese Toggles: Gift of
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but has at its center a triple loop of wire securing a ring for the cord. Attached to toggle on length of heavy orange ribbon is a wooden tube covered with green, red, yellow, white and blue Peking knot embroidery on navy blue cloth. Ends decorated with engraved brass; opening with green-dyed bone. Holds ivory chopsticks with squared "handles" and painted ends; also an iron knife with ivory handle, carved at butt end. Acquired in Jade Market, Peking, late 1920's, early 1930's.