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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA

Field No.

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People or Culture: Chinese

Object: TOGGLE

Material: Silver coin

Description: Coin reused as a toggle. British trade dollar of 1901. Face (originally the reverse) shows a "cloud collar" motif surrounding a highly stylized shou character with a T-fret meander in the outer border. The Chinese characters for "one dollar" (i yüan) and the equivalent in Malayan (Arabic) script are shown in the lappets of the cloud collar. The reverse side, which shows the figure of Britannia as Queen of the Seas, has a wire ring soldered to it, holding another ring for the cord.

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

max. diam - 3.9 , max thickness - 1.2

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

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