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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: Boxwood burl

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Description: Flat, rather naturalistic lotus leaf with upturned edges on a short stem, with two small pods on separate stems, one of them being undercut so the cord can be looped around it. The whole is represented as floating upon the surface of a pond, with a tiny crab and a small water beetle riding on opposite sides of the leaf. Carved from boxwood burl, with considerable realism shown in the rendering of the veins in the leaf and hairs on the stems. Acquired in Jade

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

Market, Peking, late 1920's, early 1930's
max. length - 6.7, max. width - 5.4, max. thickness - 0.7

Acc. 2780

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