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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA

Field No.

People or Culture: Chinese

Camman - 89
Beiber - 89

Object: TOGGLE

Material: Prunus wood with metal fittings

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Description: Large cluster of mushrooms carved to form a bun toggle, with the center hollowed out. The outer side has 8 mushrooms arranged radially around a central one to provide symmetrical grouping; while the reverse has 11 mushrooms arranged in a bisymmetrical but more casual-looking composition. A silver cotter pin passing thru the center holds a ring for the cord. Ornamental washers on each side are decorated, with a highly conventionalized shou character, incised

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

(over)

max diam. - 5.7 , max thickness - 3.8

Acc. 2780

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

and a double-tiered flower with petals in relief,
respectively. Acquired in Jade Market, Peking,
late 1920's, early 1930's.