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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

Bieber-121

Material: Boxwood

Description: Seated monkey mother with young. A baby stands upright before her with hands in an attitude of prayer, while an older one climbs on her, back, and a new one is in process of being born below; apparently intended to suggest the idea of successive generations of descendants, as a fertility charm. Parent's goggle eyes are arranged on movable pegs, so that by pulling a small string that passes in one ear and out the other, they can be made to swivel around. (over)

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Dimensions:

(in cm.)

max length - 4.2, max width - 3.1, max thickness - 1.7

Acc. 2780

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

The head of the baby being born is also represented by a movable peg, so that it can turn completely around without slipping out of the parent's body. The parent monkey's arms are both cut free, so that either can serve as a cord loop. Purchased in West China by Carl Schuster.