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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA

Field No.

People or Culture: Chinese

Camman - 159

Object: TOGGLE

Bieber - 159

Material: Boxwood

Neg. No.

Description: Rather naturalistic cicada resting on an artemisia leaf, with a tiny ladybug on underside of leaf. The carving of the cicada's head, jointed legs, and finely segmented abdomen, as well as the veining of the leaf, show careful observation; while the introduction of the ladybug, to contrast the very small with the very large, illustrates an element of folk humor. Two holes on either side of the leaf stem below the cicada's head provide gaps for the cord.

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

(over)

max. length - 5.9, max. width - 2.6, max. thickness - 1.7

Acc. 2780

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

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