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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA

Field No.

Cammann-172
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People or Culture: Chinese

Object: TOGGLE

Material: Birchwood

Description: Winnowing basket containing a straw brush and a small pile of grain, which is being nibbled by a mouse, while two cats circle around the outside, ready to pounce. Ornate carving on bottom shows the basket resting on a very elaborate jar carved in flat relief, ornamented by a conventionalized lotus flower. Right paw of one cat meets the tail of the other, leaving a slot behind them for passing a narrow strap or cord. Acquired in Jade Market, Peking, late 1920's.

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

early 1930's

max. length - 4.4, max. width - 3.6, max. thickness -

1.2

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Collection of Chinese Toggles: Gift of
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