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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: Prunus wood

Description: Miniature Chinese abacus (suan p'an), with nine double rods carrying two tiers of tiny wooden beads each (two above and five below), enclosed in a simple Prunus wood frame. Two tiny wire staples on the top probably once held a larger metal loop handle, but they themselves could still serve as cord attachment. Acquired in Jade Market, Peking, late 1920's, early 1930's.

Neg. No.

Dimensions:
(in cm.)

max. length - 5.0, max. width - 3.0, max. thickness - 0.8

Acc. 2780

Collection of Chinese Toggles: Gift of
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