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Country Philippine Islands.Locality Davao Gulf, Mindanao.People Bagobo.

Stock.

Name Pokō :- Unfinished blade  
for a man's work knife.  
See notes on "Industries"

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Collection R. F. Cummings Philippine Expedition, 1909-1911.  
F. C. Cole, Collector.

Notes

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Acc. ~~1115~~Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Price Trade.

The forges used in this work are identical with those employed by the brass workers, except that they are larger and the bellows are usually made from tree trunks.

After a knife or spearhead has been roughly shaped in iron, the smith will split the edge to a slight depth and will insert a thin strip of steel. The iron is pounded down on the harder metal and the whole brought to a white heat in charcoal. Removing it to the anvil the smith gives the blade one or two light blows and returns it to the fire. This is repeated many times before he begins to add the heavy strokes which finally weld the iron and steel firmly together. The blade is then made into its final shape; is again heated and then suddenly chilled, thus giving temper to the whole weapon.

The blade here shown has just had the steel edge laid into the iron.