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Country Philippine Islands.Locality Bataan, Luzon.People Negrito.

Stock.

Name Bosog - Long bow of
palma brava. Bark
string. Two arrows with
iron tips - belag.
 (over)

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

Notes Used in securing game.

Acc. 1115

Width

Length

Height

Price

P 3.00

The bows - bosog, are made of palma brava and are fitted with strings of twisted bark, which are strong and pliable. The arrow shafts are made of straight cane around one end of which three feathers are wrapped, these are tied at each end with thin strips of rattan or grass. A variety of points are seen. For birds, bamboo points - lasay, or flat ends-pagolpol, are used. For fighting and ordinary hunting a spear-like head of metal - bElag is employed, while the true hunting arrow is fitted with a detachable barbed point sibat. When this last missile has struck an animal the point pulls out of the shaft and unwinds a cord which attaches it to the reed. This soon becomes entangled in the undergrowth, while the barbs keep the point from tearing out of the flesh; thus the animal is soon captured. Fish lying in clear pools are also secured by means of bows and arrows.