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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Field No.

Provenience: CHINA

People or Culture: Chinese

Period: Ch'ing

Object: Pair of elbow cushions

Material: Satin

Description: Pair of faded red satin cushions embroidered with multi-colored satin stitch, chain stitch and couched gold thread, trimmed with braid. Each pillow has eight panels and a top and bottom section. Motifs included clouds, bats, endless knot, lotus, orchid, peaches, grapes, peonies, chrysanthemums, pomegranates, Buddha's hands and butterflies. A. has lion dog on top, 2 phoenix-like creatures on bottom. B. has shou

Dimensions: character on top surrounded by 5 bats,
(in cm.) diam. 34.1. height: 29.0

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Collection: C. F. Bieber Collection of Asian Folk and Minor Arts, purchased from Miss Caroline Frances Bieber 15 November 1962

and phoenix on bottom. Called "melon elbow pillows",
for use on K'ang. Patched and mended.

