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Provenience: Polynesia

Field No.

People or Culture: Samoa

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Object: basket

Material: coil foundation is of split mid-rib of coconut leaf; coiling material is
Description: pandanus leaf.

Round basket of open weaving technique. Some black-dyed pandanus leaf employed to lend a design. No lid such as some of these baskets have

Neg. No.

Dimensions: diameter of opening: 12.1
(in cm.)

bottom diameter: 13.5

Collection:

Acc. over

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Specimen discovered in move of Pacific Collections to Pacific Research Laboratory (1953-56). No catalog number present. Inside basket was an old tag; not attached, however. It read erroneously in terms of proper provenience (though it is possible that it may have in fact been the case since some South Seas objects did come to North America in the days of the early voyages and the whaling ships), "This basket from Alaska from the port of Kennecott -- one of the Salmon fisheries, made by the Indians and brought to the ship to sell."

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