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Country Dutch East Indies  
 Locality Lake Toba, Sumatra  
 People Toba Batak Malayan Stock

1239

Name Tunggal panaluan. Priest's or magician's staff.

Very old and renowned specimen with carvings of humans  
 and animals which assisted in recovering a mythical

brother and sister who had been carried to the top of

a giant tree by a vine. When such a pole is dedicated,

a slave is killed and its brains fed to the carvings.

The magician then controls the spirit of the slave.

Collection Arthur B. Jones Expedition to Malaysia, 1922-3.

F. C. Cole, Collector.

Notes Nos. 161371-377 have been long in use and each

was christened with a human sacrifice. Carried with

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Width..... Length..... Height..... Price G 60.00

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