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Field No.

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Provenience: Micronesia, Western Carolines, Yap Island**People or Culture:** Yapese**Object:** SHELL MONEY ("Yar")**Material:** Golden Pear shell (*Pinctada maxima*); sennit cord; coconut husk?**Description:** Shell money has 5 pieces of shell attached by sennit cord to coconut husk handle; sennit strands form fringe at top and bottom of handle; piece attached to bottom scoop-shaped; 2 pieces tied together near top of handle; other 2 pieces attached like wings near the bottom of handle. [over]

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Dimensions: Length: 30.0; width: 13.5
(in cm.)

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Collection: Purchased from Marvin Montvel-Cohen, 6/22/77;
Collected by Montvel-Cohen, 1967-1971,

Catalog #268362.

SEE: Collection notes in acc. file
and McBean, 1976, Handicrafts of the
South Seas, pp. 103-104:

Müller, Vol. 2, Yap, Book 1, plate 36 (Ergebnisse
Der Südsee Expedition 1908-1910, ed. Georg Thilenius).