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Field No.

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Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba location Ngomeni

Object: Belt (thyuma, pl. syuma)

Material: Glass beads, two amber beads, basket fibre.

Description: A thirteen strand belt of 5 mm. round, opaque glass beads. Orange with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  strands of blue. Strands are spaced at intervals with basket fibre weaving. Two old amber beads are included. Such belts are worn by all of the women all the time. Considered erotic. Husband gives beads as a token of love. If he may touch them his wife is sexually willing.

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Dimensions: Maximum length 92 cm. Width 6.5 cm.  
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974  
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1972

