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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

17-35

No 6424

Country

People

Talamauca Indian

Locality

Costa Rica - Talamauca

Name

Wooden cylindrical drum on end covered with snake skin

Collection

Scriven (over)

Where Placed

Notes

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The drum is the favorite Talamancan musical instrument. The shape is very definite and characteristic and the size varies only slightly. It is headed with the skin of an iguana lizard, glued on by fresh blood. It is suspended from the shoulder, held under the left arm and beaten with the fingers of the right hand. It is indispensable at all fests, gatherings or ceremonies.