

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: Kenya Location Ngomeni

People or Culture: Kamba

Object: 2 tops and 2 spinning whips (mbila)

Material: Wood, bark fibre

Description: Two conical pieces of whittled wood (choa) form the tops A,C. They are spun by means of a whip(C) made of a stick of movu wood and a tapered whip of braided tree bark fibre (kiocha) bound to it. A plaything for boys. Whip is dampened and wound around the top which is then thrown out. Not used as much as formerly.

Dimensions: Stick and whip 2 M. Diam. 1.5 cm.
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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1972

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