

A

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

16-23

ENT.

No 8107

Country

Venezuela

1-8

People

Locality

Name

Guard for poisoned arrows. with seven
poisoned arrows. (over)

Collection

R. Weller Jr.

Where Placed

Hall 16

Notes

Said to be the only arrows used in war.

Acc. 35

exh. 1918.

These arrows are beautiful specimens of native handicraft and are used solely in war. The shaft is of a straight hollow cane, unfeathered but with the butt wrapped with cord and covered. The foreshaft is of palm-wood, wrapped in several places with decorative bands of fiber. The foreshaft is ringed with several deep grooves so that the point will break off in the body, and is covered with curare poison. In the very point is affixed the naturally barbed end of the tail of a sting-ray.

The points of the arrows are kept in a cover until needed. This guard is carefully made with a separate hole for each of the seven arrows. It is made principally of palm-leaf, wound artistically with cord and decorated with a tuft of feathers.

cat # 8107.