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No 8114

Country

Venezuela

1-4

People

Probably Puirari

Locality

Rio Quirida (Quirida?)

Name

Juncu Quivers for poisoned arrows of the
Salvatan (blow-gun)

Collection

R. Welles Jr.

Where Placed

Hall 16

Notes

Made of basketwork - top covered with bark.

Acc. 35

1 + 4 exh

2 + 3 not exh 1918

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The darts used are very thin and absolutely straight splints of palm wood. The ends are pointed and dipped in curare or ourali poison and ringed with a deep groove so that the poisoned point may break off in the body of the game. The dart may then be sharpened and used again. Before shooting the darts are "feathered" with the fiber of the silk-cotton tree (Eriodendron) which is wound around their butts and fastened with a native . This gives the necessary resistance to the breath. Darts are shown entering and leaving the blow-gun, in the quiver and alone.

Until required the hunter carries his darts in the quiver, point downwards in dry grass so that he may not be accidentally injured by the poison. These quivers known as junuc, are beautifully made. The sides are of pleated or twilled palm-leaf, the middle band being worked into a geometric colored pattern. The lower half and bottom are thickly covered with a resinous pitch and the upper half with bark cloth painted red.

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