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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Field No.

Provenience: Culebra, Cunucunuma R.,  
Upper Orinoco, Venezuela

People or Culture: Maquiritare

Object:

Calabash containing curare

Description:

Strychnos type poison in which blow-gun darts are dipped. The curare can be softened by adding a small amount of oil. Most of it is obtained <sup>from the Ventuari Piara</sup> by trading cerbatana bamboo. The calabash is dark brown. The stopper is a sharpened piece of wood and there is a cord attached to the neck with which to suspend the calabash.

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

6 cms. in diameter.

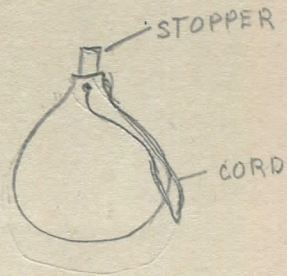
7½ cms tall.

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Nesbitt, 1950. Purchase.

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