

No 8019

Country

Venezuela

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People

Locality

Name

Chica. Balls of red paint - made by boiling
down the milk of the Chica vine. (over)

Collection

R. Helles Jr.

Where Placed

Hall 16

Notes

"yellow-flowered bignonia"
Used as body paint.

Acc. 35

exh. 1918

These balls of red coloring matter are used principally for painting the body, less frequently for painting other objects. It is prepared from the leaves of the yellow-flowered big-nomia, chica, with some less-important ingredients. The dry leaves are boiled over a fire and some other bark and twig elements are added. After boiling for some time the sediment is allowed to cake and is rolled into the balls.