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Field No.

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Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba Location Machakos Market

Object: Blood-letting arrow (ndia)

Material: Wood, iron, cow ligament, gum

Description: A small round, thin arrow head is attached to a wooden (mukakaa) shaft with cow ligament and gum. Arrow has no feathers. It is used for drawing blood from the neck vein of a cow. A noose is drawn tightly around the cow's neck until the vein shows. The arrow is shot from less than 2 yds. The blood is caught in a wooden bowl. The noose is loosened, the cut rubbed closed and the animal released.

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Dimensions: Length 48 cm. Arrow width 1.75 cm.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1972

