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Provenience: Kenya Location near Machakos

People or Culture: Kamba

Object: Bleeding horn + stopper

Material: Horn, wax, stick stopper

Description: Medicine man's bleeding horn is made of the tip of a cow's horn with bees wax around a hole in the tip to hold a stick stopper. Used to cure pain and to help the flow of milk in women after childbirth. To cure pain a cut is made near the place and the horn placed over it and sucked. The stopper is replaced and blood is drawn by the vacuum. Blood is poured to the ground. To help milk flow horn is placed over the nipple. Horn is

Dimensions: black with age. Stick is a small wood stick.
(in cm.) L. 12.5 cm, Max Diam 5 cm. Stick L 7 cm.

Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
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