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Provenance: Korea, Seoul

LOCATION:

People: Korean

Hall

Case

Room

Description: Chatelaine consisting of a plaque with a large loop for suspension and small rings on which to hang keys. Tied across the top is a piece of wood, from which hang six strands of money, one strand of metal charms, six ribbons of bright silk on which are sewn embroidered ornaments, and two embroidered silk butterflies. The inscription on the plaque reads

(clockwise from upper right) "long life, happiness, health, peace, riches, honor, and many male children. The characters are in reverse which
(over)

Collection: Presented by Dr. A. I. Ludlow, Aug. 31, '39 (Mrs. A. I. Ludlow, coll.)
Dim.: plaque: 9.8 cm wide.

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means they were written correctly in the mould,
but naturally came out wrong in the final casting.

Such charms were assembled by a prospective
bride, and brought to her new home. When she was
given charge of the household keys they were hung
on the plaque, which she wore or hung on the
family chest.