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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

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No 8049

Country

Venezuela

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People

Locality

Name

Ivory tusk with flint in side (3/)  
+ apitooth?

Collection

R. Welles Jr (over)

Where Placed

Hall 16

Notes

Guarany, used as amulets to ward off sickness

Acc. 35

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The Piaroa Indians believe, with some cause, that all sickness and other ills are caused by the contamination of white men. To avoid this they wear amulets which are made of tapir's teeth cut, bored for suspension, decorated with incised designs and with bits of flint, glass or crystal attached. When these are worn in the presence of white persons all evil is avoided. These are called guanares.