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Field No.

Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba location Ngomeni

Object: Dance whistle (bilingi)

Material: Reed, cotton string, beads

Description: A natural colored, two-reed whistle bound at the ends with orange thread. Plugged with black gum. The holes are rectangular. The neck sling is a single strand of multi-colored beads. Used for dancing. There is a constant shout with punctuating blasts of the whistle while dancing to the drum beat.

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Width 2 cm.

Dimensions: Reed lengths 11 cm. and 12.5
(in cm.) With sling total length 68.5 cm.

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