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Country German New Guinea.

Locality HUON GULF

People TAMI

Melanesian

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Collection J. N. Field Expedition,

A. B. Lewis, Collector, 1909-1913.

Notes

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Width

Length

Height

Price

This is a model of the large sailing canoe
in which extensive trading voyages are taken.
The dugout is heightened by means of two
planks on each side, which are elaborately
ornamented. Such a canoe can carry a dozen
men and considerable cargo. They sail only
when the wind is favorable. A heavy sea
quickly destroys them, as the outrigger works
loose, and then the canoe capsizes. Many natives
have been lost by being caught in sudden squalls.
While sailing the canoe is steered with a long
heavy paddle. This model was made by a native
and is fairly accurate, but much too wide and heavy for
its length.