


Korean children

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Accession Nr.:	A.4760.2.19.4. 
Type:	photograph
Artist/Maker:	Dezső Bozóky (photo made by)
Date of production:	ca. 1900
Place of production:	Korea
Signed:	A fénykép alatt: Bozóky Dezső kézírása: Koreai gyerekek.
Materials/Techniques:	gelatin silver print
Dimensions:	height: 10 cm width: 14 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Dezső Bozóky

The album containing Dezső Bozóky's travelphotos (second). Related item: A.4760.2. (album). Unknown photographer. Photograph purchased by Dezső Bozóky. Children playing the target game associated with the 15th day of the first lunar month, trying to throw coins and ceramic discs in a semicircular hole. Ropes of straw hung above their heads, warning strangers not to enter the house because there is a newborn inside. According to the custom that is observed to this day, objects indicating the child's sex are also twined in the taboo rope (geumjul). When a boy is born, red peppers, charcoal and straw is twisted in the rope; when a girl, charcoal, dry seaweed and pine branches.

The rope was usually removed after three weeks. It is unclear what is twisted in the rope in the picture. Published in: Kim 1987, 17.

Other publication: Kim, Hyun Sik (ed.): Yi-Dynasty through Pictures (II), Seoul, Ideal International Co./Seomundang, 1987.

