

Objects 18th – 20th Century. Catalogue Varia 3

Cat. No. V3.1

HNM 04.06.86

Charcoal basin, Afghanistan (?), 17th–19th CE
Copper alloy; cast; pierced

Size (cm): h. 22; d. 44

Polygonal, nine-sided basin with vertical, pierced walls and flat bottom, resting on nine supports. Two handles are attached to two opposite wall elements by means of three chain links. The bottom is made of a different material, probably added later. The pierced decoration of the wall elements is organised in squares divided into horizontal fields. The two framing bands contain aligned palmette buds. The broad central field shows foliated palmette scrolls. On the pronounced 'knee' of the supporting feet: diagonal hatching.



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Cat. No. V3.2

HNM 87.010

Beggars bowl, Afghanistan (?), 19th–20th CE
Copper alloy; cast, hammered; engraved

Size (cm): h. 11; w. 10; l. 18.8



Oblong beggars bowl (*kaškūl*) shaped like a boat, on a lobed, oblong footring. A chain is fixed to two hooks at both ends of bowl. On the outside: engraved decoration arranged in horizontal bands. Foliated scroll framed by pearl bands. Broad band with deer amongst foliage. Additional roundels with standing deer. Below the rim: band of wavy scrolls with trefoil leaves.

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Cat. No. V3.3

HNM 87.012

Bowl, Afghanistan (?), 19th–20th CE
Copper alloy; sheet metal;

hammered; engraved

Size (cm): w. 12.3; d. 18.3





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Deep bowl with slightly curved wall and high conical footring. The latter is made separately and fixed by soldering. Incised decoration outside, wavy scrolls entwining palmettes and split palmettes. The remaining surface is filled by foliated scrolls. Four raised teardrop-shaped elements applied to the outer wall.

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HNM 87.013
Strainer, Afghanistan (?), 19th-20th CE
Copper alloy; sheet metal; turned; pierced, chased, punched
Size (cm): h. 13; d. 34

Strainer with hemispherical body, rounded base, narrow everted rim. Punched and raised decoration inside, developed from a central six-pointed rosette. Six intersecting three-quarter circles, consisting of little punched rosettes. Eight-petalled rosettes frame the rim. The bottom is pierced, following the punched decoration in its pattern.

Cat. No. V3.5

HNM 03.08.86a
Drum, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE
Size (cm): h. 28; d. 40.2
Copper alloy, leather; sheet metal; hammered

Large drum with flat base and slightly curved sides. V-shaped elements are used to fix five large screws, connected to a ring which is fixed to the rim of the body. This



ring serves to pull the membrane tight. Two vertically placed brackets serve to carry the drum, four metal bands, curved and riveted to the bottom might have been used as support.

Cat. No. V3.6

HNM 02.18.86p
Amulet, Iran/Afghanistan
19th-20th CE (Qadjar)
Copper alloy; sheet metal; incised
Size (cm): w. 4.5; l. 6.8

Rectangular tablet with two rings fixed at one of the short edges. Densely incised decoration: in two panels, a male and female person are shown, covered all over with short texts containing blessings, invocations and magic phrases alongside quranic citations. The attributes reveal the courtly status of the persons who are believed to patronize fulfillment of the prayers.

Cat. No. V3.7

HNM 02.22.86n
Fitting, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE
Copper alloy; sheet metal
Size (cm): l. 10

Fragment of unknown attribution, perhaps lower part of a sheath. Hollow, conical, slightly faceted; divided into two registers by a horizontal band. Faceted fields with vertically arranged vegetal scrolls.



Cat. No. V3.8

HNM 08.20.86
Small bell (?), Afghanistan (?), 18th-19th CE
Copper alloy; hammered
Size (cm): l. 9; d. (rim) 5



Small copper alloy fitting or bell with inscription along the lower edge. The object was tied to a long, pointed bamboo stick with attached leather handle (HNM 08.19.86a), possibly a walking stick and defence weapon (spear), the date of which is unknown, but the inscription possibly indicates a secondary use of an older object.

Cat. No. V3.9

HNM 01.33.86
Stirrup, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE (?)
Copper alloy; cast
Size (cm): h. 16; w. 14.5



Stirrup with flat, broad support for the foot. Pierced decoration with five quatrefoil-shaped motifs. Rows of punched dots on the sides.

Cat. No. V3.10

HNM 03.44.86a
Stirrup, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE (?)
Iron; cast
Size (cm): h. 22.2; w. 12.5



Heavy stirrup, compact incised decoration on the sides of the footrest. Wavy lines and dots.

Cat. No. V3.11

HNM 03.44.86b
Stirrup, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE (?)
Iron; cast
Size (cm): h. 21; w. 14.9



Stirrup composed of two parts: side-pieces and footrest. Footrest with circular central field decorated with a pierced dotted circle.

Cat. No. V3.12

HNM 03.44.86c
Stirrup, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE (?)
Iron; cast
Size (cm): h. 17; w. 12.2
Stirrup with pierced footrest, rosette shape framed with circular holes.





Cat. No. V3.16 (side a)



Cat. No. V3.19

Cat. No. V3.13

HNM 03.44.86d
Stirrup, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE (?)
Iron; cast
Size (cm): h. 15; w. 12



Stirrup with pierced footrest, rosette shape framed with circular holes.

Cat. No. V3.14

HNM 03.44.86e
Stirrup, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE (?)
Iron; cast
Size (cm): h. 17.8; w. 12



Stirrup with pierced footrest, two oblong openings flanked by circular ones.

Cat. No. V3.15

HNM 03.44.86f
Stirrup, Afghanistan, 18th-19th CE (?)
Iron; cast
Size (cm): h. 20.5; w. 14.7



Heavy stirrup, undecorated.

Cat. No. V3.16

HNM 02.18.86k
Part of standard (*alem*?)
Afghanistan, 1958 / 1348
Copper alloy; cast; engraved
Size (cm): h. 0.5; l. 19; d. 10.7



Circular plate with long tip. Opposite of tip, some kind of support with circular cross-section.

Incised decoration on both sides of circular plate:

a. Centre: stylised representation of mosque or shrine with two flanking minarets, dome and minbar, framed by eight-pointed star. Inscribed cartouches on the rim (A).

b. Central depiction erased; inscription on the rim (B)

A: *basma* - *naṣr min allāh wa faṭḥ qarīb - wa ... al-mu'minīn*.

B: *lā ilaha illā 'llāh wa-muḥammad rasūlu 'llāh - bismi 'llāh ar-rahman ar-rahīm* -

The inscription is completed by the names of the four rightly guided caliphs.

Cat. No. V3.17 + 18

HNM 08.09.86c + 08.09.86d
Leather tray, Afghanistan, 19th-20th CE
Leather
Size (cm) V3.17: h. 10.5; d. 38;
V3.18: h. 10.3; d. 37.5



Two almost identical hemispherical leather objects in the shape of a tray. Rim tightened around a wooden (?) ring; base flattened. Perhaps used to remove chaff from grain.

Cat. No. V3.19

HNM 03.45.86a
Tablet, Afghanistan (?), 19th-20th CE
Paper, lacquer; painted
Size (cm): h. 4.8; w. 31.5; l. 50.5
Tablet of poly-lobed shape with vertical rim. Painted decoration in ochre, green, black, white and gold on red ground consisting of *boteh*-leaves and oblong, tear-shaped elements, connected by wavy scrolls. Background is painted with tiny golden flowers. On the reverse: golden flowers on brick-red ground. On the outer rim: tiny flowers inserted into quadrangular fields.

Cat. No. V3.20

HNM 03.45.86b
Tablet, Afghanistan (?), 19th-20th CE
Paper, lacquer; painted
Size (cm): w. 28.7; l. 41.7
Tablet of poly-lobed shape with vertical rim.



Painted decoration in ochre, yellow, red and gold on green ground, consisting of *boteh*-leaves and five-petalled flowers growing from a bold scroll. Background is filled with tiny golden flowers on green ground. On the reverse: golden flowers on brick-red ground. On the outer rim: tiny flowers inserted into quadrangular frames.

Cat. No. V3.21

HNM 03.46.86a
Pen-case, Afghanistan (?), 19th-20th CE
Wood, copper alloy; carved
Size (cm): h. 4.3; w. 3.5; l. 23.3
Pen-case consisting of two parts. The body with compartments for *qalam* and ink and an outer cover. The cover consists of an upper part and a flat base, connected by wooden plugs and was originally provided with two brackets at both ends, now missing.

Cat. No. V3.22

HNM 03.46.86b
Pen-case, Afghanistan (?), 19th-20th CE
Paper, lacquer, copper alloy
Size (cm): h. 4.1; w. 3.5; l. 21
Pen-case consisting of two parts. The body with compartments for pens and a small inkpot, painted with black lacquer outlined in gold. The inkwell is made of copper alloy. The cover is painted and lacquered, the original design is almost completely lost.

Cat. No. V3.23

HNM 03.46.86c
Pen-case, Afghanistan (?), 19th-20th CE
Paper, lacquer, leather
Pen-case consisting of two parts. The body with containers for pens is lacquered in red,



outlined in black. The cover was originally decorated in green, yellow and gold on red ground. The original design is almost completely lost. On the sides remains of a wavy scroll in black on red are preserved.

Cat. No. V3.24

HNM 03.46.86d
Pen-case, Afghanistan (?), 19th-20th CE
Paper, lacquer
Size (cm): h. 3.5; w. 5; l. 25.7

