

Basic Detail Report



Opium scale

Date

Second Half of 19th Century

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Wood, brass, lacquer, string

Description

(a) Wooden box container for opium scales, top and bottom pieces tied together by string, box has coin-shaped charm attached by string with decorative

characters. (b) Two circular brass pans connected by string to brass beam with brass suspension/indicator (which looks like a needle).

Dimensions

a: $13/16 \times 3 \frac{3}{4} \times 8 \frac{7}{16}$ in. ($2 \times 9.5 \times 21.5$ cm) b: $17 \frac{11}{16} \times 5 \frac{11}{16} \times \frac{3}{8}$ in. ($45 \times 14.5 \times 1$ cm)