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## GREEN DRIP GLAZE HEADREST

**\$180**

c. 1900 • China • Ceramic, Glaze • Collection #CDKZ069

W: 5.25" D: 5.0" H: 7.0"

By the 18th century, opium use had become as central to Chinese social life as taking tea or smoking tobacco, fostering a subculture rich with its own customs, traditions, and exquisitely crafted accoutrements.

This ceramic headrest is one such accessory, used atop a woven daybed to support the head of a lounging smoker. Tall and rigid, the headrest would have been less of a pillow and more of a platform that allowed the inebriated smoker to more comfortably lie on their side and have a view of the opium lamp. Continued...



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Today, the headrest is a beautiful sculptural object, decorated with a coin-shaped cutout and a glassy blue-green glaze that drips down the sides in contrast to the crazed white field.

