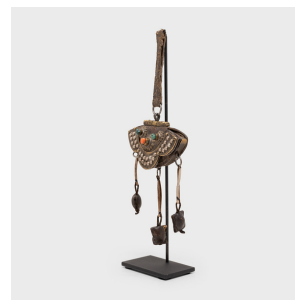

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TIBETAN FLINT STRIKER

\$1,880

c. 1850 • Tibet • Brass, Mixed Materials, Leather • Collection #CFC218

W: 4.0" D: 2.5" H: 14.75"

In 19th-century Tibet, many men carried a fire striker to help ensure survival in the often-harsh climate of the Tibetan Plateau. Known as mechag, such strikers would hang from one's belt and doubled as a small pouch for flint and tinder. The finest strikers were finished with precious metals and decorated with repoussé and inlaid stones.

This leather flint pouch is decorated with silver and gold plated metalwork and three large beads of turquoise and red coral. The mechag hangs from a simple leather strap and three decorative leather beads hang below. Continued...



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The pouch contains two Tibetan prayer flags, once used to wrap the flint stored within. Elevated by a custom steel mount, this elegant striker lives on as a sculptural object with storied history.

From the collection of Frances and Gary Comer.



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