



ENAMELED COPPER SNUFF BOTTLE WITH BOYS PLAYING

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c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Copper • Collection #CMKH124

W: 2.5" D: 1.0" H: 3.0"

Snuff, a mixture of powdered tobacco, herbs, and spices, was introduced to China by Western diplomats in the 17th century. The opportunity for ranking members of Chinese society to customize their snuff bottles made them favorite collectibles. Finely wrought out of copper, this example shows a unique vibrancy in our collection. While many snuff bottles focused on carvings and natural coloration, this enameled scene of young boys playing in a field is a full work of art in miniature. The bands of copper that peek through the enamel frame the scene and offer a touch of stately, natural color.



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