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SET OF THREE IDOMA CURRENCY PIECES

\$880

c. 1900 • Nigeria • Iron • Collection #CAA0485

W: 7.5" D: 0.25" H: 26.5"

Flaring at the top to suggest a hoe, these elongated sculptural objects were used among the Idoma people of Nigeria as a form of currency. Forged from iron and hammered with horizontal markings to accentuate their tapered shape, the objects are deliberately abstract, with a decorative aesthetic that confirms their value as currency. Used to negotiate major life transactions such as weddings, these currency pieces were also a potent symbol of wealth and power.



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