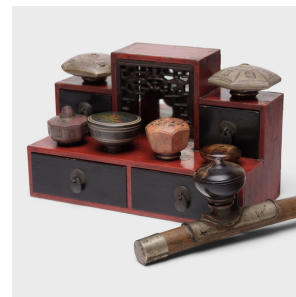

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AGATE OPIUM PIPE BOWL

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c. 1900 • China • Brass, Agate • Collection #CDKZ084G

W: 2.0" D: 2.0" H: 1.5"

This unusual object is an early 20th century opium pipe bowl, carved of agate and fitted with a brass collar. Minimally decorated, the stone of this pipe bowl was likely selected for its resemblance to tortoiseshell.

Unlike a tobacco pipe, the opium pipe was designed especially to allow resinous opium to be vaporized, rather than burned. Consequently, opium pipes have a distinctive form, featuring a long pipe-stem with a mouthpiece at one end and a pipe bowl affixed by a metal saddle two-thirds down the pipe. Continued...



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The opposite end of the stem would remain sealed, ensuring all airflow passed through pipe-bowl.

