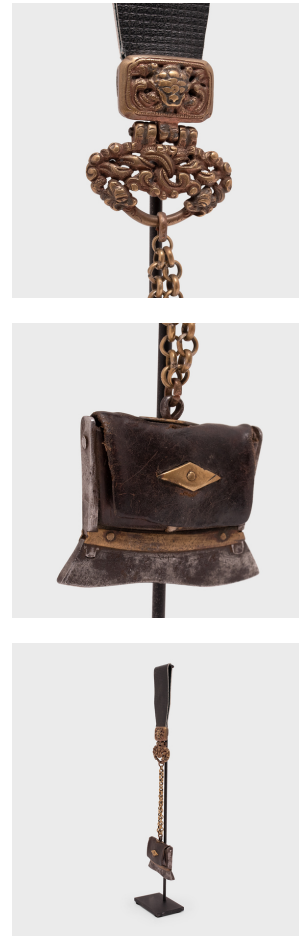

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TIBETAN FLINT STRIKER WITH LEATHER STRAP

\$680

c. 1900 • Tibet • Gold, Steel, Leather • Collection #CFC208

W: 3.0" D: 0.5" H: 15.5"

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 often 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 antique Tibetan flint striker features a flared steel striking plate and a simple leather pouch reinforced with gold plated elements. The small striker is chained to a leather strap secured by an ornate clasp in the form of two intertwined dragons. Continued...



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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.

Leather strap is replacement.



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