19th-century Opium Kit Made Of Paktong, Jadeite, And Kingfisher Feathers



430 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 38cm

Width : 4cm

Description

This beautiful opium-smoking set consists of a chatelaine held in place by a blue-enameled silver hook (with a Chinese hallmark on the back of the hook) featuring auspicious symbols.A small chain beneath the hook holds a butterfly-shaped jadeite plaque that is engraved and set within a metal motif adorned with kingfisher feathers, forming a design of butterflies and lotus flowers.Suspended from it by small chains are three instruments:A small, pointed, lanceolate scraper. A curved, pointed pair of forceps held closed by a sliding ring.A spoon-shaped curette.The handles of the instruments are carved and engraved.The metal is paktong, the Chinese name for a copper-nickel alloy similar to nickel silver.This technique of applying feathers is very ancient and was known as Tian-Tsui in imperial China.A few feathers are

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missing; it has a beautiful antique patina.IN VERY GOOD CONDITION, Qing Dynasty, China, circa 1890.Length 38 cm x 4 cmWeight 49 g