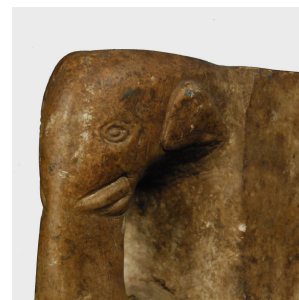

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AUSPICIOUS ELEPHANT STONE MORTAR

\$1,880

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Materials, Stone, Marble • Collection #Z204A

W: 9.75" D: 7.75" H: 7.0"

This 19th century sculptural container, carved by hand from a single block of marble, was originally used as a mortar—likely in a Chinese apothecary to grind herbal medicines. It has six sides, an auspicious number, and a handle in the shape of an elephant with a long trunk, a symbol of wisdom and strength and an animal considered auspicious to Buddhists. The stone has aged beautifully over time with a texture that calls to be touched.



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