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WOVEN BAMBOO HELMET

\$580

c. 1800 • China • Bamboo • Collection #CFC533

W: 13.5" D: 10.5" H: 9.0"

This conical woven hat originates from 19th century China and is expertly crafted entirely of bamboo. The outside consists of slivers of bamboo woven together with rattan strips, secured by an inner lining with a rattan basket weave and a strong rattan coil at the base. These were originally in widespread use by Qing Dynasty farmers but evolved into a more sturdy and rugged design when adopted by China's Imperial Army.

Used as a helmet, this object was produced in a way that would provide protection from blows to the head, unlike other conical hats that primarily provided protection from the sun and weather. Continued...



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The hat has remains of painted decoration, presumed to indicate the specific troops or brigades of the wearer. This helmet remains in remarkable condition and lives on as a sculptural object.

From the collection of Frances and Gary Comer.

