
PAGODA RED



RUYI HAIRPIN

\$98

c. 1900 • China • Silver • Collection #NN008F

H: 5.75" Dia: 1.0"

Although eyes were certainly drawn to the high, fan-shaped headdresses that Qing-dynasty women affixed to back of their heads, it was the finishing touch of a hairpin or two that completed the look. This silver hairpin ends in a cluster of spirals and auspicious ruyi, symbols of longevity and good fortune. Topped by a minuscule double gourd, the decorative end resembles a conch shell, a symbol of protection from all evil.



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