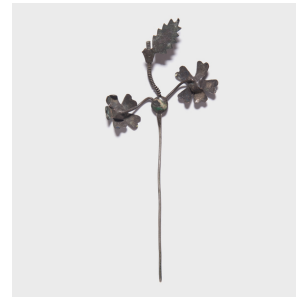

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ENAMELED FLORAL HAIRPIN

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c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Silver • Collection #NN0081

W: 1.5" D: 0.25" H: 3.5"

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. Attached to the front of a fine lady's coiffure, this elaborately designed silver hairpin branches flower blossoms on coiled springs that danced with each step. A true lady, however, was careful to not put too much sway to her hairpins, cultivating a walk that minimized the movement of her head.



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