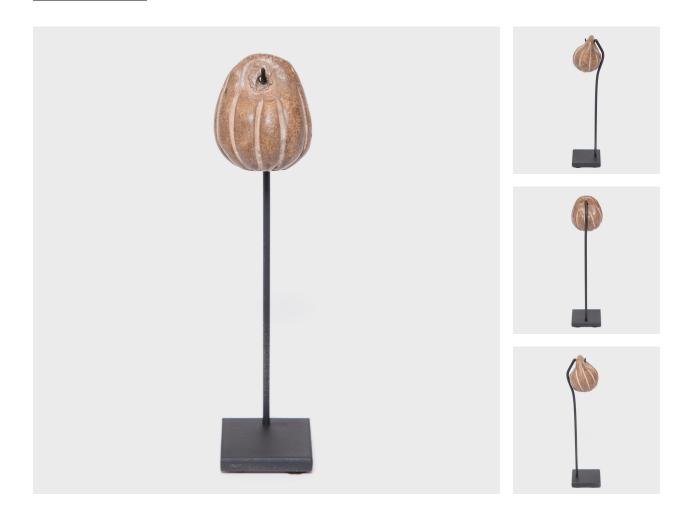
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MOUNTED OPIUM WEIGHT

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c. 1900 • Southern China, China • Stone, Steel • Collection #P055E W: 1.5" D: 1.5" H: 7.0"

Whether used to parcel out opium, gemstones, spices, or other valuable items, this small weight was suspended from its tiny hole as a counterweight for a steelyard balance. Carved from stone in the Qing dynasty, the weight takes the shape of a pumpkin with its globular shape and vertical groove, one of the oldest forms of opium weights used. Absolutely sculptural displayed on its own steel stand, it makes further visual impact grouped together with other unique weights.