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RED LACQUER HIDE PILLOW

\$2,280

c. 1850 • China • Hide, Paint, Lacquer • Collection #CFC528B

W: 14.5" D: 4.0" H: 10.5"

Dated to the mid-19th century, this extraordinary Chinese headrest was hand-crafted of lacquered hide and painted with delicate floral motifs. Used while sleeping like a modern pillow, the headrest has a pliable design that enabled contour comfort - quite luxurious for the time. The front is painted with a crane beneath delicate plum blossoms, symbols of winter and longevity. This motif conveys the wish for a loving wife and son, a reference to the Song-dynasty poet Lin Hejing. The opposite side is painted with a pheasant beneath peony blossoms, symbols of love, beauty, and summertime. Continued...



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Elevated by a custom steel mount, the rare headrest becomes a storied work of sculpture.



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