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TIBETAN FLINT STRIKER

\$680

c. 1900 • Tibet • Iron, Brass, Copper, Leather • Collection #CFC207

W: 3.5" D: 1.5" H: 4.75"

In 19th-century Tibet, many men carried a fire striker to help ensure survival in the often-harsh climate of the Tibetan Plateau. Known as mechag, such strikers would hang from one's belt and often doubled as a small pouch for flint and tinder. The finest strikers were finished with precious metals and decorated with repoussé and inlaid stones.

This Tibetan flint striker features a central leather pouch finished with decorative metal hardware and an oblong iron striking plate. The front flap is secured by a metal plate etched with a blessing of wealth and prosperity. Continued...



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The back is decorated with three round medallions impressed with simple floral motifs. Elevated by a custom steel mount, this elegant striker lives on as a sculptural object with storied history.

