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CHINESE ADJUSTABLE SCHOLARS' TABLE

\$3,580

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Northern Elmwood • Collection #X082 W: 39.25" D: 19.75" H: 32.5"

This petite 19th-century console table crafted in China's Shanxi province is the perfect example of Qing-dynasty ideals of scholarship and craftsmanship. Though its clean lines and rich lacquer finish may be beautiful, it was the versatility of this convertible table that made it such a valuable furniture piece for scholars. In one form, it stands as a side table, the perfect surface for a small collection of prized scholarly objects. Upon folding the tall legs inward, the table becomes a portable low kang table, ideal for a scholar's forays into nature. Continued...

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The ease of conversion allowed its owner to seamlessly transition between active scholarship in the home and contemplative scholarship in the woods.