

Jade

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S.I.1058

Chinese

Shang, 12th-11th century B.C.

Sword fitting:

Pommel of sword or dagger; in form of elongated oval block with projecting hollow and perforated shaft at the base, a plain pointed oval form in relief on top is only decoration; mottled cream tones and black; smooth surface except for some rough and chipped areas. Box.

Height: .033 (1-5/16")

Length: .076 (3")

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1. Bought from Seauke Yue, of Shanghai, in New York. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 236.
2. Original attribution: Hsia. See further, S.I. 1058, Appendix VIII. (See Paragraph 6.)
3. Sp. G. is 2.765.
4. (A.G.Wenley, 1945) Ch'ing dynasty reproduction of early piece. The material is quite soft.
5. (W.B.Trousdale, 1964) Shang dynasty. See possibly related pieces discussed by Umehara (bibliography). Beautifully modelled and proportioned section of a hilt.

Possibly it represents the blade socket and guard; the grip, continuing above, may have been broken and ground off to the oval relief area presently on the top. Cf. Umehara, Shina kogyoku zuroku (Kyoto, 1955), p. 38, right.

6. (H.E.Buckman, 1964) The Envelope File contained no further information, and has now been destroyed.