

SA900484

Late 19thC Chinese silver and
hardwood walking cane stick
c1890

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA900484

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 89 cm (35.0")

Width = 3 cm (1.2")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

An interesting late 19thC Chinese silver and hardwood walking can or stick c1890. The silver pommel is cast to form a scene of an Oriental gentleman seated in front of his courtyard house with two additional scenes either side of him. One appears to hold a knife and the other shows two individuals carrying a laden cloth, possibly with fruits of the harvest. All around is a grove of bamboo. The pommel has a plain and smooth top. The stick is made of a hardwood, similar to English hawthorn, though it is unlikely that an English wood has been used. The bark is light brown, matt, textured and knobbly. The stick has a good brass tip. In places small patches of the surface bark have lifted, revealing a lighter colour beneath. There are about 7 of these flicked off patches, consistent with the former use, but they do not detract from the quality and curiosity of this unusual stick.

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