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Title Porcelain Coffee Cup and Enamelled Gold Coffee Cup Holder (Zarf)

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Date 19th century

Medium Enameled gold, porcelain

Description Zarf were used for functional purposes - they both provided a "handle" for the usually handle-less porcelain coffee cups, and protected the fingers from being burned by the hot ceramic - as well as aesthetic reasons. They are often elaborately decorated with enamels, precious stones, and/or fine metals. Zarf often survive without their "matching" coffee cups, as the cups were more fragile. Here however we have the full "set".

Dimensions Overall: $2 \frac{3}{4} \times 2 \frac{5}{16}$ in. (7 x 5.9cm) Other (a): $1 \frac{11}{16} \times 2 \frac{5}{16}$ in. (4.3 x 5.9cm) Other (b): $2 \frac{1}{4} \times 1 \frac{13}{16}$ in. (5.7 x 4.6cm)