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Enamelled Gold Quatrefoil-Shaped Covered Box with Floral Motifs

19th century

India (Jaipur)

British India/Princely States

Enameled gold

Overall: 4 3/8 x 4 3/8 x 1 3/4 in. (11.1 x 11.1 x 4.4cm)

This quatrefoil, enameled box is decorated with red flowers on a white ground with green stems and leaves radiating from its central finial. The bottom is covered in translucent green enamel etched with a central eight-petaled flower surrounded by radiating leaves. Compartments within this box were designed to contain the ingredients for the

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preparation of a mild stimulant called paan. This mixture of areca palm nut, cardamom, clove, and chuna (lime paste) was a delicacy consumed at the Mughal court.