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Pair of Gem-Set Gold Hand Ornaments (Hathpul) with Floral Motifs

19th century

India (Jaipur)

British India/Princely States

Enameled gold, emeralds, diamonds, rubies, silver, cord

Length: 5 1/4 in. (13.3cm)

This hathpul, or "hand-flower" is a traditional element of Indian bridal jewelry, also referred to as a panchangla, or "jewel for five fingers." The diamond-shaped ornament of rubies is worn on the back of the hand, secured to the wearer's wrist with a chain and four finger rings. The hathpul is indigenous to India, dating to the seventh or eighth century.