


Lidded betel cup

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	3907.1-2 
Type:	metalwork
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia
Marks:	three stars
Materials/Techniques:	silver, repoussé
Dimensions:	height: 7 cm diameter: 9.7 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

A silver North Thai round shaped betel container (klong mak) with floral motifs running around the top and repeated lotus leaf motifs on the sides. The base has a three-star makers' mark and a difficult to make out inscription, probably Thai.

The object in the picture is a common accessory in betel sets consisting of three or five similar boxes and a betel leaf holder. Its ornate design and material suggest that it was made for a middle-class clientele.

