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Country China.Locality Peking. Si-nganPeople Chinese.

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Name Painting on silk: scene in Hell.
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Collection King period
Mrs. T. B. Blackstone Expedition,Berthold Laufer, Collector 1908=1910.

Notes

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Width

Length

Height

Price 45

The Judge is sitting in Court and writing out a sentence; his lictors are awaiting his orders. One of them is holding a scale and weighing a batch of documents **recording** a man's good and evil actions. In the background a criminal is being devoured by a serpent vomiting fire, while another culprit is sawn in two. This punishment appears as early as in the Brahmanic notions of eschatology in which the disturbance of the harmony between two related persons was believed to be punished in this way, the guilt of separating two persons symbolically resulting in the separation of the perpetrator's body.

Painting in silk by Liu K'i.i.

(This information taken from old labels)