

PEWTER BOX.

Rectangular in shape. Cover inlaid with designs in brass. On top of cover: two cloud=dragons in center and the same motive on the right and the left,—the “heavenly official” (*t'ien kwan*) holding a plate of fruit, stag, umbrella=bearer, and crane. On the long sides are represented a plum-tree with two magpies and a pair of phoenixes.

CHINA.

Ming Period (1368-1643).

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