

HEXAGONAL TEA-JAR.

Each of the six sides is decorated with the picture of a Taoist sage and attendant inlaid in brass: boiling tea under a pine, standing on a terrace, writing a poem on a rock, taking a meal under a pine, seated on a boulder under a willow, riding on horseback. On top of cover: blossoming plum, two magpies, bamboo on rock, and butterfly.

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Ming Period (1368-1643).

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