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Country **China.**

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Locality **Singanfu.**People **Chinese.**

Stock.

Name *Chimes of white jade*

attached to wooden stand, shape of wedge
4 dragons in full figures, carved along edges
(over)



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*K'ien-lung period (1736-96)*Collection **Mrs. T. B. Blackstone Expedition,****Berthold Laufer, Collector 1908-1910.**

Notes

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Width *5.7cm* Length *17.3cm* Height *0.7cm* Price *30 J.*

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Suspended from wooden stands and adorned with
silk tassels, in the manner in which they are
given as presents among officials and set up as
decorative objects in the mansion. The sonorous
jade has preserved its wedge-shape of old,
around which four dragons and a fish are
carved, the ornamentation being a rebus which
reads: "Luck, blessing, and abundance!" The
disk is an allusion to official rank, and the "grain
pattern" displayed on it, in connection with the
calabashes forming the bases of the stands, is
suggestive of numerous progeny.