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CHINA

SNUFF BOTTLE

Material *agate*

Dimensions *5.4 cm h., 4.1 cm h., 1.9 cm th.*

Original No.

Marks —

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Attribution *Ch'ing*

Description *Yellow-gray agate bottle with outer strata of black. One side shows a Buddhist monk walking toward a gate of his temple, the tile roofs showing above the gate. On the reverse is a pine tree rising from a fantastic rock, the*

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branches reaching up to the neck of the bottle. A boy is sitting under the tree on the rock. The first words of a poem are carved on the bottle, which translated read: "there is a tree in a grove..." suggestive of the scene depicted. The stopper is of green jade set in gold. A beautiful piece of lapidary art.