Provenience: CHINA, Peking

People or Culture: Chinese  Period: Late Ch'ing

Object: Scent tassel

Material: Silk, satin, compressed incense dust

Description: 2 bars of hard material covered by red satin-stitch embroidered satin; embroidery on both sides and in several colors; top bar, butterfly over lotus, bottom bar, prunus-flower. Below each bar, 5 strands of crochet-covered incense dust beads, each strand consisting of 2 red and 5 blue beads. At top of tassel, yellow silk loop and 2 eternal knots; at sides and below in all 7 yellow silk tassels with some red.

"Worn for the scent, attached to a button high up on the robe."

Dimensions: (in cm.) Total length: approx. 36.0

Collection: C. F. Bieber Collection of Asian Folk and Minor Arts, purchased from Miss Caroline Frances Bieber 15 November 1962