

Finch & C^o



A FINE TIBETAN SILVER PLAQUE DECORATED WITH A FEROCIOUS DIVINITY

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PERHAPS FROM THE TOP OF A RITUAL MITRE

18TH / 19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 9.5 CM DIA. 2.5 CM DEEP – 3¾ INS DIA. 1 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THE TIBETANS BELIEVE THAT WEARING AMULETIC JEWELLERY PROTECTS THE BEARER FROM HARMFUL SPIRITS, PURIFIES THE BODY'S AURA AND CALLS BENEFICIAL FORCES TO ONE'S SIDE. THIS SILVER PLAQUE BEARS THE HEAD OF A MYTHICAL SNARLING LION; A WRATHFUL GUARDIAN WITH FANGS, FIERY WHISKERS AND EYEBROWS AND AN UPTURNED NOSE. A PROTECTOR OF THE PERSON AND OF THE TEMPLE.