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ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ALABASTER KOHL POT OR COSMETIC JAR

A LARGE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ALABASTER KOHL POT OR COSMETIC JAR
CHIPS TO THE FOOT AND RIM
NEW KINGDOM 2ND HALF 2ND MILLENNIUM BC
SIZE: 8.5CM HIGH, 9CM DIA. – 3¼ INS HIGH, 3½ INS DIA.

LITERATURE

COSMETICS AND OTHER TOILETRIES WERE HIGHLY VALUED BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS. BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WORE EYE MAKE-UP WHICH SERVED TO PROTECT THE EYES FROM THE BRIGHT SUN AND FROM BLOWING SAND AND DUST. PIGMENT WAS MADE FROM EITHER GREEN MALACHITE OR FROM BLACK GALENA AND WAS KEPT IN A POWDERED FORM KNOWN AS 'KOHL', IN SPECIALLY MADE CONTAINERS THAT WERE FREQUENTLY CARVED FROM HARD STONES, AND FEATURING A SQUAT BODY, FLAT LIP AND RIM, AND A NECK OPENING JUST WIDE ENOUGH FOR THE INSERTION OF A FINGER OR KOHL STICK.