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FIRST HALF 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 46CM DIA. – 18 INS DIA. (MAX)

LITERATURE

DHAL WERE USED IN PERSIA AS WELL AS IN INDIA AS A MEANS OF DEFENCE ON FOOT OR HORSEBACK. THEY ARE NEARLY ALWAYS ROUND MADE OF STEEL, LEATHER OR HIDE DECORATED WITH ORNAMENTAL BOSSES. THE HIDE SHIELDS ARE OFTEN COVERED WITH LACQUER TO MAKE THEM APPEAR TO BE TRANSLUCENT.