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**INDIAN DHAL, A ROUND BUCKLER SHIELD COMPOSED OF LACQUERED CROCODILE SKIN WITH FOUR DECORATIVE SILVER
BOSSSES**

AN INTERESTING INDIAN DHAL, A ROUND BUCKLER SHIELD COMPOSED OF LACQUERED CROCODILE SKIN WITH FOUR
DECORATIVE SILVER BOSSSES
FIRST HALF 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 46CMDIA – 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 BOSSSES. THE HIDE SHIELDS ARE OFTEN COVERED WITH LACQUER TO MAKE THEM APPEAR TO BE TRANSLUCENT.