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Title Lidded Chamber Pot

Date 1885-1900

Medium Mold-formed earthenware with green enamel and gilded decoration

Description Globular, white earthenware chamberpot with a domed lid. The chamberpot (.b) has a plain rim, narrow neck, globular body with relief decoration, and a short, round foot. Two raised, ribbed, fan-shaped decorations are located on opposite sides of the chamberpot. On one side, over one of these areas, a molded 'C'-shaped handle in the form of a dragon or eel was applied. Between the fan-shaped decorations, a raised, scalloped line and a band circle the chamberpot. Just below this, on opposite sides of the chamberpot, there are two circular, raised cartouches surrounded by a raised leaf motif. The sides of the chamberpot are decorated with transfer-printed, green enamel designs and gilding. The ribbed fans, dragon handle, foot, and raised cartouches are outlined in gilding. Green enamel designs composed of flowers and leaves with abstract semi-circular designs are transfer-printed on the areas of the chamberpot outside the cartouche. Inside the cartouche is a circular, lobed design of flowers and interlocking, elongated polygons. The chamberpot reflects the style of the late nineteenth century Aesthetic movement. The domed lid (.a) is decorated with the same raised, ribbed-shaped fans, located on opposite sides. Between these two areas, on the highest point, a dragon-shaped finial arches over the lid. The dragon and relief decoration is highlighted with gilding. Green enamel designs of flowers, leaves, and semi-circles have been transfer-printed onto the

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lid between the areas of raised decoration. The portions of the rim without

raised designs are decorated with abstract leaves, flowers, and a scalloped line.

A circular flange is located on the underside of the lid. There are two chips on

the foot of the chamberpot (.b) and two areas where an unknown substance has

adhered to the foot. There is crazing over all the glazed surfaces of the

chamberpot and lid (.a), and the gilding has worn down over many areas as well,

but especially on the handle. There is one chip in the rim of the lid.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width including handle x

depth): 9 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 8in. (24.1 x 26.7 x 20.3cm)