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Title Lidded Chamber Pot

Date 1885-1900

Primary Maker Unknown

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

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designs of flowers, leaves, and semi-circles have been transfer-printed onto the 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)