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* * It is necessary to observe that the ensuing Catalogue, having been prepared with a principal regard to its use as an Inventory, and for the purpose of labelling, contains repetitions which would not be employed in a Catalogue proper.

DIVISION I.—METAL WORK.

- BOWL.** Bronze, engraved with an inscription in Persian characters in praise of wine. In the centre of the interior is an inscription bearing the maker's name, Mahomed Ali, and the date, 917 A.H. *Persian.* A.D. 1511. H. 5 in., diam. 12 in. Bought, 9*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* 1191.-'54.
- COFFRET.** Steel. Damascened with gold; the borders of birds and foliage, within which are medallion hunting subjects. *Persian.* Late 15th centy. H. 3½ in., W. 4½ in., D. 3½ in. Bought, 4*l.* 16*s.* 103.-'69.
- LAMP.** Circular. Copper washed with white metal, pierced and ornamented with incised pattern of animals, flowers, and arabesques, filled in with black inlay. *Old Persian.* Diam. 7½ in. Bought, 2*l.* 314.-'70.
- BOX.** For holding a copy of the Koran. Steel, oblong, engraved in relief with inscriptions, flowers, and animals, and damascened with gold. There are rings at the sides for suspension. *Persian.* 19th centy. 3½ in. by 2½ in. Bought, 5*l.* 5*s.* 1298.-'73.
- INCENSE BURNERS WITH COVERS, a pair.** Brass, perforated and engraved. *Old Persian.* H. 8½ in., diam. 5½ in. Bought, 10*l.* the pair. 11, 11*a.*-'74.

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- CANDLESTICKS, a pair. Brass, engraved and nielloed. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. of base, $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 6l. the pair. 12, 12a.-'74.
- MATCH BOX. Brass, cylindrical, engraved and nielloed. *Persian*. H. $2\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 1l. 13.-'74.
- PLATE. Brass, circular and perforated. *Old Persian*. Diam. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 6s. 14.-'74.
- EWER. Copper, coated with white metal and engraved; with hinged lid and long spout. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $13\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 2l. 15.-'74.
- BASIN WITH COVER. Copper, coated with white metal and engraved; the lid perforated, and secured to the basin by a screw. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. 9 in. Bought, 1l. 10s. 16.-'74.
- ROSEWATER EWER. Pewter. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. 4 in. Bought, 1l. 17.-'74.
- SPOONS, FIVE. Tinned copper, with long flat handles, engraved with figures and flowers, and with pierced inscriptions. *Persian*. 19th cent. L. 16 in. Bought, 2l. 10s. 490 to 494.-'74.
- HOOAH. "Kaliān." Brass, engraved and pierced, part of the ornament filled in with varnish, and part with small slices of turquoise. *Old Persian*. H. 2 ft. 1 in., diam. of base, $4\frac{1}{4}$ in. Bought, 2l. 495.-'74.
- LAMP. For six wicks. Brass, engraved, the ground filled in with varnish. *Old Persian*. H. $18\frac{1}{2}$ in. diam. of base, $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. The chasing modern. Bought, 2l. 496.-'74.
- VASES. A pair. "Dakhl-i-pul." With perforated covers and swing handles. Engraved brass. These vessels are suspended in shops in the bazaars, principally in the Kebāb or roast-meat shops, for the purpose of holding copper money. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $15\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. 10 in. Bought, 5l. the pair. 497, 498.-'74.
- BASIN. Brass; the wide rim engraved with hunting subjects, the ground filled in with varnish. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $3\frac{1}{4}$ in., diam. 11 in. Bought, 1l. 10s. 499.-'74.
- LAMP STANDS. A pair. Brass, cylindrical, engraved with human figures, fabulous monsters, and flowers, and the ground filled in with varnish. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. 13 in., diam. of base, 6 in. Bought, 3l. the pair. 500, 500a.-'74.

- MIRROR CASE.** Steel, oblong and hinged, with damascened gold border. It encloses a looking glass and a miniature. *Persian.* 19th cent. 10½ in. by 6¾ in. when open. Bought, 1l. 2s. 504.-'74.
- MIRROR CASE.** Steel, oblong and hinged, engraved with Persian inscriptions and damascened with gold and silver. *Persian.* 19th cent. 10½ in. by 8 in. when open. Bought, 1l. 2s. 505.-'74.
- CUP.** Steel damascened with gold. *Persian.* 19th cent. H. 1½ in., diam. 4¼ in. Bought, 1l. 4s. 506.-'74.
- CUP.** Steel damascened with gold. *Persian.* 19th cent. H. 1½ in., diam. 3¾ in. Bought, 1l. 507.-'74.
- WRITING CASE.** "Kalemdān." Steel, engraved with geometrical ornament and damascened with gold, with sliding drawer. *Persian.* L. 8½ in., W. 1¾ in. Bought, 11s. 508.-'74.
- BOX.** Brass, oblong, with rounded corners, engraved with Persian figures, representations of the Virtues, and foliage. *Persian.* L. 6¼ in. Bought, 5s. 512.-'74.
- BOWL WITH COVER.** Bulbous body, black metal, inlaid with flower pattern in silver and brass; the cover, white metal on copper. Resembling the Bidri work of India. *Old Persian.* H. 5 in., diam. 4¾ in. Bought, 12s. 1297.-'74.
- LAMP STANDS.** A pair. Brass openwork, engraved with hunting scenes and other subjects within medallions, and inscriptions, filled in with black varnish and with inlay of silver; the bases circular, the stems ten-sided and tapering, with movable caps. *Old Persian.* H. 2 ft. 10 in., diam. of base, 11½ in. (With 1305 to 1317), 36l. 1304, 1304a.-'74.
- FIGURE OF A PEACOCK.** Engraved brass filled in with black varnish; on the breast is an embossed representation of the sun, on the tail is a pierced inscription. *Old Persian.* H. 20¼ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1305.-'74.
- CASKETS, a pair.** Engraved and pierced brass, filled in with black varnish, oblong, with convex lid, drop handles, and hasps. Round the lids run inscriptions. *Old Persian.* H. 6 in., L. 7¼ in., W. 5¾ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1306, 1306a.-'74.

- TRAY. Brass, nearly square, engraved with Solomon surrounded by kings and beasts doing homage, filled in with black varnish. *Old Persian*. $7\frac{3}{8}$ in. by $7\frac{1}{4}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1307.-'74.
- TRAY. Brass, nearly square, engraved with Solomon surrounded by kings and beasts doing homage, filled in with black varnish. *Old Persian*. $7\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 7 in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1308.-'74.
- CASKET. Steel, oblong, with convex lid, engraved with figures, animals, and inscriptions, with inlay of silver and brass wire. *Old Persian*. H. $7\frac{3}{8}$ in., L. $8\frac{1}{4}$ in., W. 6 in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1309.-'74.
- VASE WITH COVER. Watered steel, urn shape, decorated with flower sprigs, foliage, and trellis ornament, in gold inlay. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $11\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $6\frac{3}{8}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1310.-'74.
- PLATE OR DISH. Watered steel, circular, with a bouquet garlands, and trellis ornament, in gold inlay. Companion piece to the vase, 1310.-'74. *Persian*. 19th cent. Diam. $10\frac{1}{2}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1311.-'74.
- BOWL. Watered steel, with garlands, trellis ornament, etc., in gold inlay outside, and an inlaid inscription at the bottom inside. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $3\frac{3}{8}$ in., diam. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1312.-'74.
- PLATE. Watered steel, circular, with bands of trefoil ornament, and an inscription in gold inlay. Stand for the bowl, 1312.-'74. *Persian*. 19th cent. Diam. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1313.-'74.
- BOWL, TAZZA. Watered steel, engraved externally with birds amidst foliage in compartments outlined in gold inlay, and internally with a band of fishes, and an inscription filled in with gold; on the foot also are engraved inscriptions. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $6\frac{1}{4}$ in., diam. $9\frac{3}{8}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1314.-'74.
- BOX. For holding a copy of the Koran. Watered steel, oblong, with inscriptions and ornament in gold inlay, and swivel rings for suspension. *Persian*. 18th or 19th cent. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36l. 1315.-'74.
- BASIN*. For washing the hands. Brass, the wide mouth engraved with figures, elephants, and other ornament;

- with perforated drainer; the engraving filled in with black varnish. *Persian*. H. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. (With 1304 to 1317), 36*l*. 1316.-'74.
- EWER.** For pouring water over the hands. Brass, engraved with figures, animals, and foliage, filled in with black varnish. Companion piece to the Basin, 1316.-'74. *Persian*. H. $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. (With 1304 to 1316), 36*l*. 1317.-'74.
- INCENSE BURNERS WITH COVERS.** A pair. Brass, with bulbous bodies, pierced and engraved with human figures, monsters, and flowers. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. 9 in., diam. $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 6*l*. the pair. 1365, 1365*a*.-'74.
- INCENSE BURNER WITH COVER.** Brass, with bulbous body, pierced, and engraved with human figures, monsters, and flowers. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 6*l*. 1366.-'74.
- CANDLESTICK.** Brass, with flower-shaped nozzle and wide circular tray, engraved with human figures, birds, and flowers. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. $10\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. of tray, $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 3*l*. 1367.-'74.
- SPITTOON WITH COVER.** Brass, with bulbous body, engraved with human figures, and a diaper pattern of flowers. *Persian*. 19th cent. H. 4 in., diam. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 1*l*. 10*s*. 1368.-'74.
- LAMP?** Copper, circular, with hinged lid, fluted, and with ring for suspension. *Persian*. Diam. $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 4*s*. 1369.-'74.
- VASE WITH COVER.** Brass, engraved with hunting scenes. The cover turns on a pivot. *Persian*. H. $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 1*l*. 1370.-'74.
- BOWL.** Brass, with engraved band of hunting scenes, and Persian inscriptions. *Old Persian*. H. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 9*l*. 1372.-'74.
- TRAYS, a pair.** Brass, round, engraved with numerous groups of figures. *Persian*. 19th cent. Diam. 2 ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 8*l*. the pair. 1067, 1067*a*.-'75.
- HOOKAH BASE AND TOP.** "Kaliān." Black metal, pear-shape, inlaid with flowers, inscriptions, and diaper in silver, the bottom mounted with chased silver. *Similar to the Bidri work of India. Old Persian*. H. $13\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bought, 2*l*. 15*s*. 401.-'76.