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A PAIR OF CHINESE EXPORT LACQUER GAMES TABLES

China, 19th Century

Interestingly these games tables were apparently shipped to Europe in parts, to be assembled on arrival. The leg joints labelled with Chinese characters - presumably instructions for final construction - shipping from the Far East was of course expensive, so to ship deconstructed would have saved cargo space and been more cost effective - it also prevented the delicate legs being damaged in transit.

A rare pair of 19th century Chinese Export black lacquer and gilt decorated games tables. Of rectangular form, the fold over tops open to reveal beautifully decorated playing surfaces with counter wells and candle stands. The central panels each lift by means of a secret button to reveal on the alternate side a chess board with a sunken concealed backgammon board below. The friezes similarly decorated with a drawer, and standing on gilt fluted tapered legs.

Height: 2' 5⁷/₁₆" in (76 cm)
Width: 3' 2⁵/₁₆" in (98 cm)
Depth: 1' 7¹/₁₆" in (49 cm)

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