Hand mirror - with leather box

Metalwork Collection

Accession Nr.:	E 72.2
Date of production:	17th century
Place of production:	Turkey (Ottoman Empire)
Materials:	flame-gilt silver; mirror; nephrite; paper; turquoise
Techniques:	chased; mounted
Dimensions:	length: 49,7 cm width: 18,5 cm length: 45 cm width: 25 cm

The elegant round mirror has a silver-gilt frame adorned with semi-precious stones, the back flat chased and engraved. Two serpent-shaped projections from the slender handle provide additional support to the mirror itself. We should probably identify this with a Turkish mirror with turquoises that appeared in the 1642 inventory of Erzsébet Thurzó's property at Fraknó, made after her death, and was also mentioned in Pál Esterházy's will of 1685 - "a mirror with turquoises, which used to belong to the vizier of Buda".

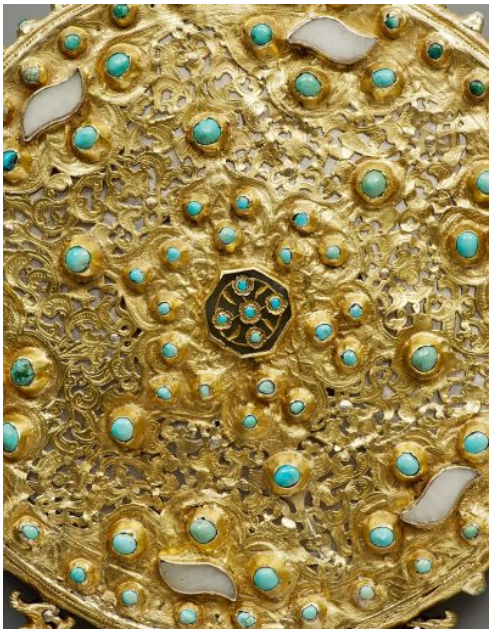
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