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**A 19th Century Japanned and Lacquered Papier-Mâché Box** in the shape of a clamshell, the top decorated with a painted landscape of hills, trees, butterflies, and chrysanthemums, opening to a red interior, and reminiscent of kai awase or “shell matching”, a game popular in the Edo period, where interiors of clamshell pairs were painted with various scenes and the challenge was to match not the scenes, but the outer shell



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patterns

Height: 5 1/4"; Width: 13 1/2"; Depth: 10 1/2"