



**A FRENCH GARNITURE DE CHEMINÉE IN THE
CHINOISERIE TASTE**

Clock: H: 15 in / 37 cm | W: 10 in / 25 cm | D: 6 in / 15 cm

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Constructed in blue turquoise porcelain with gilt highlights, Algerian onyx and bronze, and comprising a gilt-bronze cased clock with an eight day movement, and delineating the hours in Roman numerals painted on the porcelain face, set upon a gilt-bronze base over a caparisoned porcelain elephant, with gilt highlights and some polychrome, itself set on the onyx rectangular platform above a base designed in the Chinese manner; the matching twin light candelabra have Dogs of Fo clasping the candelabra arms in their jaws, seated on rounded plinths, with stylised elephant truck feet. . Their origin traced back to the Chinese Han Dynasty, the pair of creatures represent 'ying' and 'yang' and serve as guardians of an abode and those who dwell within.
French, Circa 1880