



**A PETITE CHINOISERIE LACQUERED DISPLAY
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Dimensions: H: 62 in / 157 cm | W: 32.5 in / 82 cm | D: 12 in / 30 cm

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A superb example of the [lacquered](#) furniture designed and made by Salamon Hille in the early twentieth century, of unusual small proportions, its surface decorated in a black & gold chinoiserie style, the cabinet sitting on a stand having slender legs joined by a pierced and shaped apron decorated with oriental motifs including a crab at its centre, the display cabinet itself having three glass sides, with lockable side doors allowing access to the shelved interior, surmounted by a pagoda-style roof with upturned corners decorated with landscape motifs in the [Chinese style](#).
English, circa 1920

This piece beautifully exemplifies the fusion of Eastern and Western design elements popular in the early 20th century. A suite of furniture attributed to Hille and owned by Freddie Mercury included a piano bench and centre table related to the present cabinet.

S. Hille & Co

Hille & Co. Ltd, a London-based furniture maker, operated from 1906 to about 1984. Founded by Ukrainian immigrant Salamon Hille, the company grew from a small workshop to a significant manufacturer, known for high-quality "period modern" and later modernist designs. Under Salamon's daughter Ray's leadership post-1932, and with contributions from designer Robin Day from 1949, Hille evolved from traditional craftsmanship to innovative use of materials like bent plywood and polypropylene.