

A GOOD PAIR OF CHAIRS IN THE 'CHINESE CHIPPENDALE' MANNER ATTRIBUTED TO S. HILLE & CO

Dimensions: H: 41 in / 104 cm | W: 26 in / 66 cm | D: 22.5 in / 57 cm

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A Good Pair of Chairs in the 'Chinese Chippendale' Manner Attributed to S. Hille & Co Constructed in Satinwood, with gilt highlights, rising from square chamfered legs with pierced fretwork brackets where they meets the seat frame, with an 'H' stretcher, having lacquered tablets with scenes of rural life at centre, with upholstered drop in seats; the backs of 'spider web' lattice formed issuing from a central lacquered cartouche: the toprails having central and flanking gilded pagoda adornments. Circa 1915 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 chairs similar to the Butchoff pair.

Literature:

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.