



**Small Chinese blue and white 'Hatcher Cargo' bottle vase, Shunzhi period (1644-46)**

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Small Chinese blue and white 'Hatcher Cargo' bottle vase, Shunzhi period (1644-46), decorated with a spray of lotus and convolvulus to the body separated by berries and leaves, the neck with bamboo and leaves above a ring of lappets, height: 7 ½ in. (19 cm.); condition:. Provenance: From the Hatcher Collection; sold at Christie's Amsterdam 12-13th June 1984. The Hatcher Cargo (1643-1646) was recovered from the wreck of a Chinese junk in the South China seas port of Batavia (today Jakarta), where Chinese cargoes were transhipped to Dutch East Indiamen for their journey to Europe. In 1983 Captain Michael Hatcher and his crew brought up around 25,000 pieces of unbroken porcelain from the Hatcher junk, many of which were sold at Christies Amsterdam. A date for the cargo was established by the existence in the find of two pieces with the Chinese cyclical date of 1643. For a similar vase see Sheaf, Colin and Kilburn, Richard, 'The Hatcher Porcelain Cargoes: The Complete Record', (Christie's Ltd. 1988), p. 56, pl. 72.

<b>Material and Technique</b>	Porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration
<b>Origin</b>	Chinese
<b>Period</b>	17th Century
<b>Condition</b>	Other
<b>Dimensions</b>	Height 19cm.

