

## Magical gem: Anguipes (A) Greek inscription (B-C)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-1133
<b>ID-Number</b>	US-NY-MMA-GRA_81.6.299
<b>Collection</b>	US New York, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Department of Greek and Roman Art
<b>Inventory</b>	81.6.299
<b>References</b>	Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.1.n_1
<b>Former Collections</b>	King, Rev. Charles William Collection
<b>Material</b>	jasper, green and red
<b>Dimensions</b>	15 x 12 x 3 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (MM Coll. website)
<b>Iconography</b>	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἰάω; voces, unidentified; vocales



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A: Frontal view of a cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head to right. Right hand raised and holding a whip, left hand holding a shield. Inscription below the right arm: characteres or letter including  $\chi$ . Below the left arm, upside down: characteres or illegible letters including  $\pi$ ,  $\eta$ . Below the snake's legs in two lines: characteres,  $\epsilon\eta\mu\alpha\mu\omicron\rho[- -]$ .

B: Inscribed:  $\eta\iota \rightarrow$  vocales.

C: Inscribed around the edge:  $\iota\alpha\omega\iota\alpha\alpha\lambda\omega\nu\omicron\omega\iota?[\dots]\iota\chi\theta\epsilon\theta\omega\iota\upsilon \rightarrow$  voces including vocales, Ἰάω.

### Bibliography

[The Metropolitan Museum Collections website on CBd-1133](#)

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