

Magical gem: Crab surrounded by animals (A) στόμαχε πέπτε (B)

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Collection	FR Paris, Cabinet des Médailles
Inventory	AA.Seyrig.102
References	Mastrocinque 2014, no. 551
Former Collections	Seyrig, Henry (Beirut)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	34.7 x 20.5 x 5.3 mm
Iconography	crab; objects, unidentified (2); birds (2); scorpions (2); rays; Chnoubis, lion-headed (2); insects (4)



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Description: Upright oblong, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Black haematite. Surface slightly abraded.

A: In the centre: a crab on an unidentified object, surrounded by two birds, two scorpions and two Chnoubis-figures with rays around the head. Above: four insects. Below: a cross-like figure or object.

B: Greek inscription in five lines: στο|μαχ|επε|π|τε → στόμαχε πέπτε 'Stomach, digest!'

Bibliography

[Mastrocinque 2014](#), no. 551.

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