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FRAGMENT OF A BLOWN DISTILLATION GLASS

ISLAMIC MEDITERRANEAN AREA OR IRAN; 9TH-12TH CENTURY

H: 4.5; DIAM: 3.6 CM

Advanced glass tubes and vessels were already made in the early Islamic period for distilling alcohol, perfume, date wine, and essential oils.

his hood-like form with a tube attached is believed to have made up the spout and beginning of a condensation tube in a fairly simple distilling apparatus. Steam from a heated container was captured in the spout and transported further to cool and condense in a bottle or similar vessel.

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