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Front cover:

The octahedral talismanic Qur'ān MS to be attached to the military banner, 2,5×1,8 cm, D=4 cm. 254 folios. Micrography. Iran or Turkey, 16th century. MAE RAS, No. 4493-lab.
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Back cover:

Qalamdān, 23,5×3×2,8 cm. Iran, 1287-1870. Papier-mâché adorned with lacquerwork. *Ibid.*, No. 397-3abc. *Qalam*, 17 cm. Reed. *Ibid.*, No. 397-4/2. Scissors, 16,5 cm. Metal. *Ibid.*, No. 397-5. Tweezers, 9-4,6 cm. Steel. *Ibid.*, No. 397-6. Ink spoon, 11 cm. Brass. *Ibid.*, No. 397-7. Seal, D=1,2 cm. Cornelian. *Ibid.*, No. 397-10. A gift from Ridā-qulī Mīrzā, 1898. Photo by T. Fëdorova. Courtesy of the Museum.