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A COPPER AND FORGED STEEL ARTS AND CRAFTS FIREPLACE FENDER,

c.1905, probably by the Guild of Handicraft, Chipping Campden, and in the manner of C.R. Ashbee,

the tapering steel top-rail and uprights with central ogee device and partially twisted looped side-rails, over the formed copper plinth bearing decorative riveted straps and clasps,

DIMENSIONS: 45.5cm (18") High, 111cm (43^{3/4}") Wide, 39.5cm (15^{1/2}") Deep

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HISTORY

the Guild of Handicraft, established in 1888 in London's East End by Charles Robert Ashbee (1863-1942), moved to the Gloucestershire Cotswolds village of Chipping Campden in 1902, closing in 1907. The Guild, a cooperative, produced some of the finest metalwork of the time, including the jewellery and silverware designed by Ashbee himself. The looping side-rails to this fender echo the sinuous elements of Ashbee's designs; the detailing in the smith's work: elegantly tapering bars and fine twists, point to this being the product of a first-rate workshop,