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A 19th Century Japanned and Lacquered Papier-Mâché Box in the shape of a clamshell, the top decorated with a painted landscape of hills, trees, butterflies, and chrysanthemums, opening to a red interior, and reminiscent of kai awase or “shell matching”, a game popular in the Edo period, where interiors of clamshell pairs were painted with various scenes and the challenge was to match not the scenes, but the outer shell patterns

Height: 5 1/4"; Width: 13 1/2"; Depth: 10 1/2"