



## Fragment of a Scale Torso Armor

### Date

possibly early 20th century

### Primary Maker

American

### Medium

iron, leather and fabric

### Description

Sleeveless, vest-like defense of leather, with coarsely woven fabric front facing to which is attached by thread, iron scales on 1 face. Scales are shield-shaped, slightly concave to body, each with a very slight medial ridge, pointed below & with raised rim at top edge & corners. Scales are twice-riveted to fabric strips that are themselves in turn sewn to leather backing. All overlap towards waist which has a row of rectangular scales with scalloped basal edge. Lower sides are angled from below armpits to waist. Cut of defense suggests that this is in fact, the back portion of a scale cuirass, with a later-added leather front.

### Dimensions

51 x 48 cm (20 1/16 x 18 7/8 in.), 4 lb 12 oz (weight)