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Large Bronze Medal, Monkey Reading Ignorabimus Henry Griffith & Sons Napoleon III , Darwin 19th



250 EUR

Signature : Henry Griffith and Sons

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Description

Old & large bronze medal. Humorous scene representing a reading monkey. Titled "Ignorabimus", abbreviation of the Latin "Ignoramus et ignorabimus" which means "We do not know and will never know", thereby expressing a form of pessimism about the possibility of knowing or explaining scientifically all aspects of the world . The German physiologist Emil du Bois-Reymond expressed this in his speech on "The limits of human knowledge" held in Leipzig on August 14, 1872 for the opening of the 45th Congress of German Naturalists and Physicians. In this speech, Du Bois-Reymond, evoking the "great enigmas of the universe", assigned impassable limits to human knowledge of natural phenomena, and concluded with "Ignoramus, ignorabimus" Work of the

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Medal monogrammed PA. Presented in a

blackened wooden frame. The frame measures

18cm on the sides, the medal measures 12.3cm in

diameter Very good condition