



Russian Gardner Figurine From Magic Lantern Street Sellers Series ,sbiten Seller



2 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Porcelain

Description

Figure measures 19 cm Fully marked: /Gardner/ impressed in paste, St. George on a horse, impressed city mark, red stamped mark : "Gardner factory in Moscow" Inventory numbers. Condition: Very good, except missing spout of a tea pot. Wonderful example of 19th century Russian Gardner bisque figure of a street seller. Holding bubliks and teapot (Sbitten seller) Sbitten: Sbitten a hot winter beverage. It has a dark purple appearance and, depending on the recipe, can be very spicy and/or very sweet. First mentioned in chronicles in 1128, sbitten remained popular with all classes (Social_class) of Russian society until the 19th century when it was replaced by coffee and tea In the 18th century sbitten still rivalled tea in popularity and was

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considered a cheaper option. Peter the Great had sbiten given to the work force involved in building his new capital for reasons of cold prevention. In the 18th and 19th centuries, Russian sailors would consume sbiten as a remedy against scurvy (especially when mixed with citrus or ginger juice)

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