



Stamp In Silver Metal And Exotic Nuts, Circa 1900



230 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Silver metal

Length : 2,42 cm

Width : 1,80 cm

Height : 3,31 cm

Description

Silver metal stamp and seed called "Hamburger Bean", *Mucuna Sloanei*.

The stamp itself attached to the seed by a foliage motif is square (1.13 cm x 1.13 cm) and presents the letters C and E

Probably French work

Period around 1900

Good general condition

NB: This seed comes from Robust and climbing lianas, distributed throughout the American tropical world, in Africa and in the Indian Ocean. This species of *Mucuna*, used for a very long time in many Native American, American and Indian medicines, contains an amino acid precursor of dopamine that current medicine uses to treat Parkinson's disease.

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The seeds of these lianas have a very hard and waterproof integument which allows them to float and drift without damage in the ocean currents.

NB: This stamp could have belonged to a scientist, a botanist, a doctor or an adventurer...

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