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## Bell Engraved With Imperial Arms By Christofle, Silver Metal - Napoleon III Period



1 000 EUR

Signature : Christofle

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Silver metal

Diameter : 24cm

Height : 17,5cm

### Description

Flat bell or plate in polylobed shape, engraved with the imperial coat of arms of the Bonaparte family in which the imperial eagle has been replaced by the intertwined SP monogram. The set was made in silver metal by Christofle and bears the hallmark of master goldsmith Charles Christofle et Cie. This piece is similar to the silver service delivered by Christofle to Emperor Napoleon III at the start of his reign. It seems that copies of the various services performed for the emperor were made in silver metal for the imperial family. The study of the genealogy of the Bonaparte house encourages us to attribute the monogram SP to Suzanne May (1812-1861), daughter-in-law of King Jérôme and wife of Jérôme Bonaparte-Patterson (1805-1870) from the first marriage of the brother of the Emperor

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Napoleon with an American Elisabeth Patterson.  
It seems that Suzanne May used her  
mother-in-law's surname. During his ascension to  
the throne, Napoleon III reinstated his first cousin  
and his two children into the imperial family and  
the latter were welcomed in Paris in 1854. Jérôme  
Bonaparte-Patterson died in the United States in  
1870. Consequently, this piece of silverware  
can be dated between 1854 and 1861. It was in  
1830 that Charles Christofle founded the  
Christofle house. By purchasing numerous  
patents, Christofle specializes in silver metal to  
the point that its name becomes synonymous with  
the latter. Charles Christofle became a supplier to  
Napoleon III in 1851 and then to all the imperial  
and royal courts both in Europe and in Mexico for  
example. The Christofle house perpetuates this  
tradition by being today the supplier to the  
Elysée. Good general condition, well preserved  
silvering. height 17.5cm diameter 24cm