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Traveler's Flask In Decorated Earthenware 1800



350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ceramic

Width : cm. 21.3

Height : cm. 18.5

Depth : cm. 5.3

Description

Traveler's flask in decorated earthenware from the 19th century, round in shape, empty in the center with a white background and abstract decorations painted in shades of blue, ochre and green. The decoration is placed only on the external side of the flask. Originating from Central Italy, in good condition.

These small bottles made of terracotta had the particularity of containing the water or other liquids necessary to quench their thirst during the pilgrims' travels. With relatively small dimensions, with a lenticular shape and the possibility of being anchored to the belt or carried over the shoulder using a cord that was passed around the flask inserted into four loops or perforated sockets arranged on the sides.

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Therefore the essential tool for the traveler is soon decorated and enriched with new shapes both in the plastic of the flask and in its typology, until particular shapes are found such as the empty flasks in the center which, being equipped with a base, suggest a more decorative function how functional.

Even the decoration passes from primitive graffiti with geometric or floral motifs, to enamel coloring or decoration which can be pictorial according to the usual models of the period or in the most popular examples, of an abstract nature as in the case of the flasks with abstract, almost casual decoration in which we like to think that the decorator simply had colors to use or finish.