



Enameled Sterling Silver Cup, Italian Shooting Prize, Early 20th Century. Art Nouveau.



220 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Diameter : 5,4 cm

Height : 7,4 cm

Description

Magnificent little cup with superb, highly detailed enamel decoration. The cup rests on a flat base, with a more flared rim. It is made of plain silver with, on one side, a very fine and detailed enamel decoration. It features the logo of the "Italian Target Shooting Union" with a rifle, a target, a large lily-of-the-valley branch, and a phylactery inscribed "Italian Target Shooting Union // Federal Army 1922." Such enamel decoration, of such precision and richness, is rare on this type of object awarded during a sporting competition. It is absolutely charming. The interior is light silver gilt. The bottom of the cup is hallmarked: . 900 for the fineness. AG within a rectangle, probably the silversmith's mark. Lion within a rectangle, possibly the lion passant of English silver. These last two hallmarks, characteristic of English

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silversmithing, may indicate production across the Channel.. Later French control mark, with a swan. Magnificent little cup with this painted enamel that enhances an everyday object. The workmanship of the cup itself is of high quality; it is heavy for its size, a testament to the care taken in its design. 7.4 cm high 5.4 cm maximum diameter at the rim 87.7 grams Very good condition. Micro scratches from use.