



Hanging Hook For Sword, Late 15th Century, Number One Of Two



390 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Length : 105 cm

Width : 4 cm

Height : 10.5 cm

Description

Sword hooks for belts are extremely rare. I have acquired two of them from the same collection, which are sold separately. References are sorely lacking for this type of object. They are known from the early Middle Ages, one of them is listed in the medieval dictionary of weapons by Viollet-le-duc, but few later examples (15th and 16th centuries) are documented, with the exception of that of the Metropolitan Museum (Metropolitan Museum 2010.180.2) attributed to the 15th century and which is said to be of French origin. Occasionally, some models are purposed in auctions, often mistakenly dated from more recent periods. The model presented here, called "number 1", is very similar in its construction and decoration to the model "number 2". However, it is less richly decorated. It is quite possible that

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these two pieces come from the same armory workshop. The belt loop is triangular, it has two rounded side notches and triangular cutouts that outline the silhouette of a running wolf or fox. The head with the half-open mouth, the ear and the eye are clearly defined under the rounded cutout on the left side of the hook. The hook itself has in its lower third a quadrangular part pierced by an elongated hole that was probably intended to pass a small strip of leather to secure the sword. The hook ends with a faceted conical part that would evoke a closed flower or a thistle. Rarely encountered item, of indisputable authenticity, which will fit perfectly into a medieval collection. Ref B-25/2-02-1 Shipping costs France and Europe 20EUR