



Sword Hanging Hook, Late 15th Century, Number 2 Of 2



440 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Length : 105 cm

Width : 3.8 cm

Height : 11.5 cm

Description

Sword hooksfor belts are extremely rare. I have acquired two of them from the same collection, which are sold separately. (possibility of joining with a 10% discount on the total price)

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 the one 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 to more recent periods. The model presented here, called "number 2", is very similar in its construction and

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decoration to the model "number 1". However, it is much more richly decorated. It is quite possible that these two pieces come from the same armory workshop. The belt loop is triangular, it has four rounded side notches and small triangular cutouts that outline the silhouette of a stylized butterfly. Several holes and circular motifs complete the decoration. The hook itself has in its lower third a quadrangular part doubly pierced with 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 object, of indisputable authenticity, which will fit perfectly into a medieval collection.

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