19th Century Dueling Pistol Box



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Length : 33 cm

Description

Origin and Period
Pair of percussion dueling pistols dating from the first half of the 19th century (circa 1830-1850), most likely of Belgian origin. The technical features and style are consistent with the production of fine Liège-made firearms from this era.
Craftsmanship and Materials
Each pistol features an octagonal Damascus steel barrel with swirling forged patterns. The metal components - lockplates, hammers, trigger guards - are adorned with hand-engraved scrollwork. The stocks are made of finely polished walnut, shaped and checkered for grip and elegance. The butt cap is shell-shaped, finely engraved, and opens as a small compartment. The barrels are rifled for increased accuracy, and the percussion

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mechanism provides reliable ignition.

Function and Purpose

These pistols were specifically designed for formal duels - a codified practice of the 19th-century European upper classes. Identically constructed pairs ensured fairness between duelists. The finely adjusted hair-trigger mechanism and rifled barrels made them highly accurate and suitable for high-stakes, single-shot encounters.

Case and Accessories

The pistols are housed in their original polished mahogany case with fitted compartments and velvet lining. The set includes:

brass powder flask in the shape of a shell,
bullet mold,
wooden ramrod/cleaning rod,
screwdriver and nipple wrench combination tool,
small mallet,
cap container,
lead bullets in a lidded compartment.

All components are original and complete, forming a fully functional and collectible dueling set.

Aesthetic and Functional Details

Each pistol displays harmonious proportions, engraved steel parts, a clean trigger guard, discreet front sight, and ergonomic grip. The case is equipped with a functioning lock, solid brass hinges, and velvet lining to protect its contents. The visual and technical refinement of the ensemble reflects the high standards of 19th-century gunsmithing and craftsmanship.

Dimensions

Case: 41 × 24 × 8 cm
Pistol length: 33 cm