



Nuremberg Chest, Known As "corsair Chest", 17th Century



3 000 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Length : 87,5 cm

Height : 45,5 cm

Depth : 47,5 cm

Description

Chest called "Corsair Chest" from Nuremberg in barded and riveted iron from the 17th century.

The lid has in the center an ornamentation of animated foliage forming a shield whose center is formed by a small pivoting plate hiding a keyhole. When this small plate is pivoted, we discover the keyhole in which we can insert our original key which allows the opening of the chest by activating an ingenious and robust mechanism with ten anchoring points with their ten original bolts of which 5 work. Inside the lid the mechanism of the lock is hidden under a large openwork plate and at the bottom of the chest, on one side, is a small cassette opening with a bolt and its original key. The front face is decorated with a false keyhole in the shape of a fleur-de-lis. Large handles, twisted in the middle, located on

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each side allow the chest to be carried. These chests were intended to store important documents, precious objects or even money during land and sea travel. One of the characteristics of the Nuremberg chests was their complex mechanism making them practically inviolable for that time. Made in Germany in the Nuremberg region