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## Conversation Piece In Silver, Mother-of-pearl And Hardstones Depicting A Caricatured Officer



3 300 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 25

### Description

Southern Germany or Austro-Hungarian region, late 19th Remarkable silver conversation piece depicting a military officer in a ceremonial and caricatured stance, crafted in repoussé and chased silver, featuring a large natural mother-of-pearl shell and numerous polychrome cabochon-set hardstones. The figure is sculpted in the round and dressed in a Napoleonic-style uniform with crested helmet, fringed epaulettes, and a sword at his side. The torso is formed by a lustrous Haliotis mother-of-pearl shell, adding brilliance and exotic appeal to the piece. The silver surface is intricately worked and embellished with cabochon-set stones (green, red, blue, turquoise) arranged along the uniform and on the finely chased octagonal base. This object reflects the eclectic and imaginative taste of Mitteleuropean

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decorative arts between the 19th and 20th centuries and belongs to the tradition of objets de vertu, designed for refined interiors and collectors' curiosity. A punched "N" mark may suggest a German or Austro-Hungarian workshop from the late 1800s.