Game Box For Chess, Nine Men's Morris, And Backgammon



1 100 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wood marquetry

Width : 33

Height : 33

Depth : 11,2

Description

Game Box for Chess, Nine Men's Morris, and Backgammon
Italy, 19th century
Wood and leather
33 × 33.3 × 11.2 cm
This wooden and leather game box combines three traditional strategy games: Nine Men's Morris, Chess, and Backgammon.
One face, decorated with an intricate wood inlay, features the board for Nine Men's Morris, composed of three interlocking squares offering twenty-four intersections. The game, known since antiquity (from the Latin merellus, meaning "game piece"), is played with nine white and nine black counters.
The reverse presents a checkerboard of alternating light and dark wood squares, designed

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for the game of Chess.
Inside, the leather-lined compartment opens to reveal a Backgammon board, its twenty-four triangular points arranged in four sections (jans), testifying to the enduring appeal of such refined multifunctional gaming objects in 19th-century Italy.