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Engine-turned Silver Combination Pomander Whistle. Augsburg, Early 18th Century.



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Description
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Engine-Turned Silver Combination Pomander Whistle. Germany, Augsburg, early 18th century. Height: 5.6 cm. Description A small silver combination device formed in three detachable, engine-turned sections, comprising a whistle and two internal compartments for scented materials. The upper element incorporates the whistle, with a neatly cut voicing aperture and a slightly flared mouthpiece. The central and lower sections unscrew to reveal cylindrical chambers, the base terminating in a domed, pierced pomander designed to diffuse oils or aromatic substances. The exterior is ornamented with alternating bands of punched and reeded decoration characteristic of Augsburg smallwork in the early eighteenth century. The interior fittings are precisely made, indicating careful

Dealer
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workshop practice. Context Such combination  
objects reflect early modern practices of personal  
scent and hygiene, in which aromatics were  
carried in portable containers. Augsburg  
goldsmiths produced a range of small silver  
implements of this type, often combining multiple  
functions within a compact form.