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Froment-meurice - Double Salt Cellar, "shell" Model, In Gilded Silver, 19th Century



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Signature : Froment Meurice

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Description

Froment-Meurice - Double Salt Cellar, "Shell" Pattern, in Vermeil Silver, 19th Century. Description: Exceptional double salt cellar in solid silver, known as the "Shell" pattern, made by the prestigious Froment-Meurice firm, the absolute benchmark of 19th-century French silversmithing. This piece comprises two finely ribbed, richly chased shells resting on sculpted feet and joined by an elegant twisted handle. The interiors are vermeiled, as was customary for serving pieces intended for salt, to protect the metal and enhance its refinement. The decoration, of great artistic richness, blends stylized shells, repeated friezes, scrolls, and naturalistic motifs in a Neo-Renaissance style characteristic of Froment-Meurice's work. The quality of the chasing, the precision of the forms, and the depth

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of the reliefs testify to a workshop of the highest order, intended for an aristocratic or upper-middle-class clientele. Both a utilitarian object and a true statement piece, this salt cellar perfectly illustrates the technical and artistic excellence that earned Froment-Meurice international recognition, with works now held in the world's greatest museums. Silversmith/House: Froment-Meurice Model: Double salt cellar, "Shell" pattern Period: 19th century Metal: Solid silver Fineness: First standard Hallmarks: Minerva head guarantee hallmark, 1st standard hallmark, Froment-Meurice silversmith's hallmark, Froment-Meurice hallmark in full Interior: Vermeil (original gilding) Weight: 148 grams Dimensions: Maximum height: 11 cm Length: 15 cm Width: 6 cm Condition: Very good condition, even wear consistent with age, interior gilding well preserved