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## A Solid Silver Thimble Adorned With Three Patriotic Cartouches Depicting Three Different Scenes



160 EUR

Signature : Firmin-Pierre Lasserre (1870-1943).

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : à la base du dé: 1,6 cm. du haut du poussoir: 1,3 cm.

Height : 2,5 cm.

Depth : 1,6 cm.

### Description

A solid silver thimble adorned with three patriotic cartouches depicting three different scenes. The first scene represents: Vercingetorix and an Alsatian woman with a laurel wreath around the scene, a symbol of resistance against the Prussian Empire and the defeat of France in 1871, which resulted in the annexation of Alsace and Moselle, used in a spirit of revenge against the Germans upon the return of Alsace and Moselle to France in 1918.- The first scene is signed in relief by the medalist and engraver Firmin-Pierre Lasserre (1870-1940) on the hem of the Alsatian woman's dress.- The second scene depicts a French soldier holding a little girl, surrounded by a laurel wreath, a symbol of family: the soldier who went to fight on the front and is thinking of his family back home.- The Latin word "pax" (peace) is

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inscribed at the top of the laurel wreath.- The third scene depicts a peasant plowing his field with an ox, surrounded by a laurel wreath,a symbol of labor. The Latin word "labor" (work) is inscribed at the top of the laurel wreath.- French hallmark, a boar's head (800/1000), used in France from 1838 to 1962, is present at the bottom of the die on the scene of Vercingetorix and the Alsatian woman.- Illegible lozenge-shaped maker's mark to the right of the laurel branch at the bottom of the thimble, between the two scenes of the soldier and the peasant. The interior of the thimble is gilt silver. These patriotic thimbles were produced after the First World War.- Period: First quarter of the 20th century, circa 1918-1920. Net weight: 5.73g.-

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