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## A Victorian Gold Signet Ring Set With An Agate Intaglio. Horse Protome With Attributes And Lett



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gold

### Description

Intaglio 12x13 mm US size 6 - UK M - FR 52  
½ Total weight 4,41 gr Circa 1830-40 Victorian gold ring, set with a cushion-shaped agate intaglio depicting a protome of a horse facing left, open-mouthed and bridled, surrounded by a series of attributes: a club, an ear of wheat, a palm (or feather) and a star. The composition is completed by the Latin letters I AV L C set in the field. The stone is set in a gold bezel, carried by neo-baroque-inspired scrolled shoulders, the ring body chased with a stylized acanthus leaf. The iconography - equine protome associated with a set of symbolic attributes and a short, abbreviated inscription - belongs to a typology well attested in Roman glyptics of the imperial period, where the horse's head is associated with victory, military prestige and equestrian status, while the

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accompanying objects may refer to the seal owner's personal or professional identity. The letters probably form the abbreviation of a name or motto (or fancy), in keeping with the intaglio's function as a seal.