



Rare Bronze Inkwell - Naturalist Crab - Late XIXe Century



550 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 15 cm

Width : 11 cm

Description

A rare and attractive bronze inkwell with a nuanced brown patina depicting a crab treated with a remarkable naturalistic sense. The animal, finely sculpted in every detail - ribbed carapace, powerful claws, articulated legs - rests on a textured base evoking a seabed or rocky surface, lending the whole a particularly decorative sculptural presence. The central carapace, ingeniously articulated, lifts up to reveal the reservoir designed to hold the ink, thus combining functionality and fantasy in the purest taste of late XIXe century office and curiosity objects. This piece is in the tradition of naturalistic decorative arts much appreciated under the Second Empire and during the Belle Époque period, when marine fauna inspired many bronze and ornamental artists. A refined and unusual

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object, ideal for a desk, a cabinet of curiosities or a collection of animal objects. Era: late XIXe century
Material: bronze with nuanced brown patina
Dimensions: 15 cm × 11 cm
Condition: very good condition, beautiful old patina, functional mechanism.