



Antique Bronze "killotaya" Lime Container



225 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 14 cm

Height : 5 cm

Depth : 8 cm

Description

Antique bronze "killotaya" lime container This vessel was used to store and transport slaked lime paste (chunam), an essential ingredient mixed with pieces of areca nut and betel leaves for traditional betel chewing. A 19th-century Sri Lankan metalwork from Kandy, decorated with traditional motifs inspired by Sinhalese art and Buddhist symbolism. The attached chain secures a small spatula or spoon used to safely scoop lime paste without burning fingers. Historians widely agree that the shape of this object was influenced by 18th-century European pocket-watch cases, introduced during the colonial period. 14 cm wide when closed, 8 cm deep and 5 cm high. 38 cm wide with the chain. Ceylonese craftsmanship of the 19th century.

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