Silver Sentimental Spinner Pendant "he Loves Me, A Little, A Lot" - France, 19th Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 3 cm environ

Description

Rare sentiment charm in the shape of a spinner in 900/1000th silver and enamel, also known as"spinner", featuring the famous jeu de la marguerite.The six sides are engraved with the traditional answers: "He loves me", "A little", "A lot", "Passionately", "Madly" and "Not at all"accompanied by a enameled daisy. The daisy game, popular in France in the 19th century, consisted in stripping the petals of a daisy while reciting these various formulas in order to find out the feelings of the loved one. A flower associated with innocence, sincerity and the first stirrings of love, the daisy has become one of the most emblematic symbols of sentimental superstition.A reference to this game is notably found in Alfred de Musset's short story Les Deux Maîtresses: "Do you remember, madame, those

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daisies that children thin out strand by strand? A lot, they say to the first leaf; passably, to the second, and, to the third, not at all."This charming charm belongs to the category of sentimental jewelry worn as a pendant, suspended from a sautoir, watch chain or bracelet.French work from the second half of the 19th century, hallmarked with boar's head for the silver. Master goldsmith's hallmark illegible.Good overall condition despite some wear from use and slight oxidation.Weight: 2.5g