



Stanhope 18-karat Gold Theater Binoculars Charm - Mid-19th-century Work



1 900 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Gold

Length : 1,4 cm environ

Width : 1,3 cm environ

Description

A charming 18-karat gold charm/pendant featuring a pair of miniature theater binoculars that are finely engraved. The two lenses contain a microphotograph depicting the same man, visible when looking through the binoculars from the back. This process, known as Stanhope, involves embedding a microscopic photograph at the tip of a convex lens so that it becomes visible under magnification. Very fashionable in the second half of the 19th century, these pieces of jewelry offer a fascinating glimpse into the early days of photography and its application to the decorative arts. The identity of the person depicted could not be determined; however, his attire seems to date the portrait to around the 1860s. If you manage to identify it, please don't hesitate to contact me! A beautiful curiosity at the intersection of jewelry,

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optics, and photography. Dated to the second half of the 19th century. As is. Some dents and wear on the binoculars' decoration. One microphotograph is in very good condition; the second is damaged and slightly loose in its mount. Both depict the same person. Weight: 1.7 g.