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Stork-shaped Cigar Cutter Attributed To Hugo Berger, Goberg, Germany, Early 20th Century



350 EUR

Signature : HUGO BERGER

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Copper

Description

An original and highly decorative Arts & Crafts cigar cutter in the shape of a stork, attributed to Hugo Berger (Goberg) and made in Germany in the early 20th century. Entirely crafted from chiseled and worked iron, this object depicts a stylized stork whose sculptural form cleverly incorporates the function of cutting a cigar. The hand-finished surface, visible hammer marks, and understated treatment of the metal are characteristic of the aesthetic associated with Hugo Berger and the Goberg workshops. Berger's work was part of the Arts & Crafts movement, emphasizing traditional craftsmanship, functional design, and the expressive qualities of authentic materials such as iron and brass. Rather than concealing the manufacturing process, his objects celebrated the marks of manual labor, giving each

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piece a unique and distinctly artisanal character. In 1895, Hugo Berger founded his metalworking workshop in Schmalkalden, Germany, producing decorative and functional metal objects. In the early 20th century, Goberg's creations gained international renown and were distributed by prestigious retailers, notably Liberty & Co. in London. Objects shaped like animals lend themselves particularly well to Berger's inventive approach to functional design, transforming everyday accessories into whimsical sculptural pieces. This stork-shaped cigar cutter is a charming example, combining humor, functionality, and the understated geometry of the German Arts & Crafts movement. This piece is unsigned and is therefore attributed to Hugo Berger / Goberg, based on its design, materials, craftsmanship, and stylistic characteristics. A rare collector's item, ideal for a collection of Goberg metal objects, Arts & Crafts design, vintage smoking accessories, or early 20th-century European decorative arts.

Attribution: Attributed to Hugo Berger (Goberg)
Origin: Schmalkalden, Germany
Period: Early 20th century
Style: Arts & Crafts / Jugendstil
Material: Chiseled and hand-crafted iron
Subject: Stork
Function: Cigar cutter
Signature: Unsigned
Dimensions: Height: 21 cm
Width: 12 cm
Condition: Good antique condition, with normal signs of wear for its age and use. The iron retains a beautiful patina and an artisanal character. Please refer to the photographs for a detailed assessment of its condition.

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