



18th-century Buttons With Miniatures



680 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Diameter : 3,6cm

Description

A rare and charming set of three 18th-century buttons (Louis XV/XVI period), set under glass in a circular gilded brass frame. Each button features a delicate miniature painting on ivory executed in wash, depicting scenes of daily life and rural life, which were very popular in the 18th century: Top button: An agricultural scene depicting the harvest or tilling the land (a figure bent over sheaves of grain or a bundle of wood within an octagonal frame surrounded by a glittering/bluish border). Center button: A maritime scene showing two figures loading or unloading a chest or package at the water's edge, with a sailboat in the background and a coastal tower. Lower button: A rural scene of mowing (a mower in period costume wielding his scythe), also set within an octagonal medallion. This type

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of precious button adorned the ceremonial garments of gentlemen under the Ancien Régime. The miniatures are in very good condition, with fine craftsmanship and a beautiful patina of age. The original mounting rings on the back are missing. One of the buttons shows traces of a previous conversion into a brooch. Slight signs of wear on the glass, which is normal (visible in the photos).