



Polychrome Metal Trinket Dish Depicting John Bull, Austria, 19th Century



250 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Diameter : 8.5 cm socle

Height : 12,5 cm

Description

A fictional character created in the 18th century, John Bull is a stereotypical, rather conservative caricature of an Englishman who was often featured in humorous illustrated magazines in 19th-century "Perfidious Albion." This small trinket box features the character next to a sign bearing the instruction in English: "Gentlemen are requested not to drop any trash on the floor By order of John Bull"--in other words, "Gentlemen are requested not to drop any trash on the floor--By order of John Bull." The paper on the sign also reads "Made in Austria," which perfectly captures the spirit of this object. In fact, Austria specialized in this style, featuring well-known or fictional characters in humorous--and sometimes even grotesque--poses to create decorative or everyday objects. Shipping

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