



Jean Després, Silver-plated Metal Egg Cup, 20th Century



280 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Silver metal

Diameter : 4,5 cm (col) - 6,5 cm (base)

Height : 4,7 cm

Description

Small silver-plated metal egg cup, "cuff" style, resting on a circular base. It is adorned with a flat-link chain design applied around the rim of the base. Signed "J. DESPRÈS" with a point under the base. Master's mark (initials "JD" framing a goblet) on the neck. Jean Després (1889-1980) was a French goldsmith from a family of glassmakers. Trained at a very young age by a Parisian silversmith who was a friend of his father's, he also took drawing lessons and frequented the Bateau-Lavoir, where he met Braque, Picasso, Modigliani, and others. During World War I, he was drafted as a mechanical draftsman for the aviation branch, an experience that instilled in him a lifelong appreciation for mechanical forms and geometric aesthetics. In 1924, he opened a workshop and a store in

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Avallon, his hometown, where he showcased highly modern pieces of goldsmithing and jewelry. He also exhibited regularly at the Salon and opened another store in Paris, frequented by a prestigious clientele that included Josephine Baker. Note a small chip on the base. Scratches from normal use. Good overall condition. 20th-century. Dimensions: H: 4.7 cm D: 4.5 cm (neck) - 6.5 cm (base)