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Patinated Bronze Inkwell With A Marine Motif Featuring A Seashell And A Crab -- France, Circa 1900



790 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 20 cm.

Height : 13 cm

Depth : 14 cm

Description

Patinated bronze inkwell with marine motifs, seashells, and crabs -- France, circa 1900. An elegant and rare patinated bronze inkwell with naturalistic decoration, depicting a particularly original marine-inspired composition. The body of the inkwell takes the form of a large seashell, rendered in high relief and resting on a rocky base with undulating forms. Hidden within this composition, a crab appears amid the mineral and plant elements, fully contributing to the element of surprise and the object's lively character. The piece displays high-quality casting and engraving, with the various textures--seashell, rock, and crustacean--being carefully distinguished. The antique patina, with its deep brown and slightly golden hues, highlights the reliefs and accentuates the sculptural quality of this

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piece. With its formal vocabulary, its extreme naturalism, and its penchant for motifs drawn from the marine world, this object is fully in keeping with French decorative art of the late 19th century and the early 20th century, at the crossroads of Japonism and Art Nouveau--a period that was particularly prolific for works of art and desk accessories. A piece of character, highly decorative, suitable for a cabinet of curiosities, a library, or an office, as well as for a collection of Belle Époque bronzes. France, circa 1890-1910. Patinated bronze. No signature or visible foundry mark. Height: 13 cm Width: 20 cm Depth: 14 cm Weight: 1.430 kg