



Argentine Spurs, 19th Century

220 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Length : 21 cm

Width : 8 cm

Diameter : des molettes 7.5 cm

Description

Spurs are always charming objects, since they remind us of the rides of the free riders and evoke a lifestyle that inspires dreams in our dreary modern times. These are Argentine and, according to the Argentine sources consulted, are believed to date from the first half of the 19th century. They are much more simply crafted than the slightly later Chilean or Argentine spurs featuring enormous stars rowels, known as "chilenas," "lloronas" (weepers, for the sound they made when turned), or "nazarenas" (in reference to Christ's crown of thorns). They were designed for practical use. They consist of an arch ("arco") ending at each end with a double-loop fastening system. This arch is connected to the part ("pihuelo") that supports the wheel ("rodeja/roseta") for one of the spurs by a screw

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and by a rivet for the other. This riveting is supplemented by two small rivets that are part of an old repair. Between the arch and the wheel mount is a kind of flower-shaped washer ("rodete") pierced with holes along its circumference. These holes were used to secure certain attachment elements of the spurs. The rowels are made of steel and have seven prongs. They measure approximately 7.5 cm in diameter. These items are typical elements of Argentine culture, which may be of interest to any horse enthusiast, as well as to those interested in the culture of the Río de la Plata, of course

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