



Folk Art, Italian Patriotic Object, Napoleon And Josephine, Empire Period



280 EUR

Signature : Art Populaire

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Width : 18cm

Height : 23cm

Description

An amusing example of patriotic devotion dating from the First French Empire. The piece consists of a black cardboard frame decorated in the Venetian manner with small mirrors bordered by gilt straw work. At its centre is a small anonymous popular print depicting the Imperial couple, attractively enhanced with watercolour. Beneath the portraits appear biographical inscriptions and a grand coat of arms incorporating a closed imperial crown, a green mantle lined with ermine, a collar composed of various regional shields, and the insignia of the Legion of Honour. The print appears to be very rare and differs from all the comparable examples, although numerous, that I have been able to locate in the available reference material. The likely explanation lies in the coat of arms

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depicted beneath the couple: it is imaginary, showing certain similarities to the arms of the Kingdom of Italy, yet bearing no real correspondence to those of the French Empire. Frame dimensions: 23 × 18 cm. Print dimensions: 15.5 × 11 cm. The print is in good condition. The frame is somewhat less well preserved, though restoration would be both straightforward and enjoyable. The central glass panel, two mirror strips, and a small amount of the straw decoration are missing and would need to be recreated during restoration. Buy It Now: Payment via credit card or PayPal. eclectic -- We are not professional appraisers, but we have been in the trade for over 50 years. Hassle-free refunds if not satisfied. SIRET: FR 24 430113233. Invoice and certificate included with every shipment.