



Torture Device Known As The "tongue-puller" -- 17th Century



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Length : 31

Description

Extremely rare torture device known as the "tongue puller" --17th centuryAn exceptional and extremely rare antique torture instrument, traditionally identified as a pair of tongs known as "tongue puller", from a major Parisian collection of folk art.The instrument consists of two long metal prongs joined by a rivet, forming a pair of tongs whose ends feature particularly aggressive jaws, resembling those of alligator pliers in shape.Each end is equipped with two extremely sharp teeth, for a total of four points, designed to grasp and hold firmly. The two arms end in small pear-shaped tips. At their lower ends, there are two holes corresponding to the clamping mechanism: the screw or connecting device used to adjust the clamp's tightness is now missing.Due to its design and particularly striking

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appearance, this instrument is traditionally associated with torture practices, notably the "Question", a term used under the Ancien Régime to refer to judicial torture procedures intended to extract confessions or information. The piece exhibits an antique patina, consistent with its age and presumed use. It can be dated, with the usual reservations, to the 17th century. 31 cm long A particularly spectacular object, due to its rarity, its design, and the violence of its mechanism, which serves as a striking testament to the history of judicial practices and ancient instruments.