



19th Century Napoleon III Marquetry Writing Box With Inkwells

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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wood marquetry



Description

Elegant French Napoleon III writing box dating from the late 19th century, circa 1880, featuring exquisite geometric wood marquetry, decorative gilt brass fittings, and two original glass inkwells. This refined antique writing box is distinguished by its gracefully sloping lid and richly figured wood veneer, arranged in an attractive four-part symmetrical pattern. The warm reddish-brown tones of the wood contrast beautifully with the black lacquered borders, intricate geometric inlays, and delicate gilt brass trimmings. Crafted with a poplar wood structure, the box is richly decorated with contrasting wood veneers, finely executed geometric marquetry, black lacquered borders, and gilt brass fittings. The central decoration features an ornate brass cartouche surrounded by finely detailed

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floral motifs, creating a particularly elegant composition characteristic of the Napoleon III period. The box opens to reveal a folding writing surface lined with vibrant royal blue velvet, providing a luxurious setting for correspondence. A separate upper compartment offers additional storage for writing accessories, while a hinged rear section conceals two compartments containing the original square glass inkwells with beautifully engraved gilt brass lids. The writing box retains its attractive antique character, with minor signs of age and use consistent with its period. A charming and decorative example of 19th-century French craftsmanship, equally suitable for display on a desk or as a distinctive collector's piece. Dimensions: H 11 cm (4.33 in) W 33.5 cm (13.19 in) D 26 cm (10.24 in).