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Barrel-shaped Cigar Holder; Alfred Giroux, Paris, Circa 1875.



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gilded wood

Length : 23 cm

Diameter : 22 cm

Height : 22 cm

Description

Barrel-shaped cigar holder; Alfred Giroux, Paris, circa 1875. Made of thuja wood, gilded wood, and blackened wood. Musical mechanism. Labels on the back. Barrel-shaped cigar dispenser made of gilded wood, with a capacity of seven cigars; it features a key-operated mechanism on the back that allows the cigars to be dispensed one at a time. The small blackened barrel serves as a container for matches and, when rotated, activates or stops a music box. The set is completed by a scraper mounted on the circular base made of thuja burl. Throughout history, tobacco has played a major role in various cultures, not only as a consumer product but also as a ritual, economic, and social symbol. Its introduction to Europe, following contact with the Americas, marked the beginning of a practice that quickly

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spread worldwide, influencing both aristocratic customs and folk rituals. In this context, objects associated with tobacco use, such as pipes, took on a significance that went beyond their mere utilitarian function.