Pair Of 17th-century Pricket Candlesticks



1 250 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Height : 35 cm

Description

Crafted in bronze with a beautiful
brown patina, this elegant pair of pricket
candlesticks stands on a
molded circular base.
The shaft, featuring an alternating
sequence of rings and baluster-shaped elements,
supports a wide drip
pan (or *binet*) centered with a sharp spike.
Did you know ?
The *binet*--equipped with a central
"spike"--was used to hold the stubs of candles
that had
not fully burned down, allowing them to be
consumed completely; this
practice was known as "faire binet."
By extension, the expression has come
to figuratively describe the act of seeking out

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small, meticulous
savings--much like "pinching pennies" (or, in
French,
"saving candle stubs"!).
In a different figurative
sense--specifically in slang--the term "faire binet"
also
meant "to go bankrupt"

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France or the Netherlands
Beautiful brown patina
17th century