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Dagger Of Virtue, Also Known As The "ball-piercer," 18th Century



950 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 4.5

Height : 21

Description

Virtue dagger known as the "Pique-couille" - 18th centuryA rare art dagger, commonly known as a "pique-couille," presented with its richly decorated scabbard. It is distinguished by an ivory handle with fluted decoration, extended by a metal guard with curved and finely crafted quillons.The tapered, slender scabbard features remarkable engraved foliage and arabesque designs, enhanced by original gilding that remains exceptionally well-preserved. A central figurative motif enriches the ornamentation, contrasting with the dark background of the metal and highlighting the delicacy of the decorative work.These small daggers, also known as "virtue daggers" or "romantic daggers," are traditionally associated with women's self-defense. Their popular nickname, "pique-couille," refers directly

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to their supposed defensive use, particularly in the context of brothels.With its particularly refined decoration, the presence of its original gilding, and the elegance of its mount, this piece is a curiosity that bears witness to the history of bladed weapons and antique personal accessories.Condition: Note slight historical restoration on one side of the ivory handle.