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Bourbon Necklace In Gold And Enamel



1 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

A Bourbon necklace consisting of a yellow gold link chain and a central pendant made of yellow gold leaf and enamel, crafted in Southern Italy in the mid-19th century.Since the cost of labor was negligible compared to the cost of materials, highly skilled goldsmiths created extremely lightweight jewelry, compensating for the scarcity of gold with their mastery.The result is evident in this necklace pendant, made of gold leaf that has been stamped, embossed, chiseled, and decorated with enamel.Contrary to what one might think, the letter S most likely refers not to the initial of a name, but to the French term "souvenir"; Similarly, throughout Europe during the same period, jewelry featuring the letter R became widespread; it stood for "Remember" in English, "Recuerdo" in Spanish and Portuguese,

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and "Ricordo" in Italian.Alternatively, the letter A found in other pieces of jewelry stood for "Amore" (Love).These were "talking" pieces of jewelry, featuring letters and symbols that were immediately understandable to anyone at the time