Art Nouveau Brass Smoking Compendium With Hunting Decoration - Circa 1900



500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Brass

Width : 21,5 cm

Height : 6 cm

Depth : 11 cm

Description

An elegant and unusual patinated brass smoking compendium, probably of Austrian or Central European manufacture, dating from the early 20th century, in the Art Nouveau - Jugendstil taste.
Its distinctive geometric structure features a raised central compartment with a hinged lid, presumably intended for storing tobacco or cigars, flanked by two smaller compartments for smoking accessories.
One compartment contains a removable element, probably used as a small ashtray, while the other appears to have been intended for matches, possibly incorporating a striking surface.
The brass surfaces are embellished with finely detailed naturalistic and sporting decoration. Particularly striking is the depiction of a hunting dog in motion within a rural landscape, rendered

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with careful attention to anatomical detail and movement.
The subtle contrast between the dark decorative motifs and the warm golden tones of the brass lends the piece an almost pictorial quality.
The combination of restrained geometric forms and naturalistic ornamentation recalls the decorative arts of Central Europe during the Jugendstil period.
Such accessories were traditionally displayed on desks, in libraries and in the private smoking rooms of affluent households during the Belle Époque.
The piece retains an attractive aged patina, with natural variations in colour and signs of use consistent with its age.
An unusual collector's item, particularly appealing to enthusiasts of decorative arts, antique smoking accessories and hunting-related antiques.