



A 18th Century Ivory Gold-mounted Tablet Case, Paris, 1778-1779



2 800 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état, légers fêles à l'ivoire

Width : 5,2 cm

Height : 8,7 cm

Description

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Trapezoidal ivory flat gold-mounted (750) tablet case, interior in gold with compartments for a notebook of two ivory writing tablets joined by a gold rivet and for a pencil (missing). The tablets inscribed in pencil with dedications dated 1806 and 1897. The hinged cover opening with a push-button is inscribed in gold "Souvenir / d'amitié" on each side. Each side is adorned with a painted oval miniature set under glass depicting a country scene bordered by gold foliage.

Small ivory cracks.

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Goldsmith: François Durand (received in 1762)
or François Delanoy (received in 1768).

Preserved in its original cardboard box sheathed

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in green shagreen, beige silk velvet interior,
hinged opening (the push button is missing).

Gross weight: 60.8 g.

H. 8.7 x L. 5.2 cm.

History

Diderot mentions these precious cases in his
Encyclopédie under the name of "tablettes": "the
tablets we use to write are a kind of little book
which has a few sheets of ivory, paper or
prepared parchment, on which we write with a
touch or a pencil the things you want to
remember."