



19th Century TABLET CASE IN GOLD WITH ENAMEL, MOTHER-OF-PEARL AND IVORY

Era: mid 19th century.

Materials: mother of pearl, gold, ivory.

Dim: H 2.9 in.(7,5 cm) / W 1.9 in.(5 cm).

Rectangular writing supplies case with a slightly tapered base and gold mounting. The gold panels of the case are decorated with mother-of-pearl. A button serves to open the hinged lid which bears the inscription, *Souvenir d'Amitié* (*Souvenir of Friendship*). The body of the case features two oval medallions. On one side is a young woman in 18th century dress and in the other side a young shepherdess in 18th century costume. The gold cage frame is finely worked and has a decor of zigzags and stylized flowers. A hidden system opens the medallions with a push button. This system probably allowed to hide the portraits of the loved one. The interior of the case contains writing supplies including an ivory tablet with a gold rivet, a crayon. Eighteenth century style.