

Mid-19th century snuff box with Napoleon Bonaparte medallion.

Gold box or snuffbox in chased gold with leaf foliage patterns and floral friezes. The hinged lid is decorated with a Rogat medallion representing the profile of Napoleon Bonaparte: "The return of the mortuary ashes of Napoleon 1st" made in 1840. Emile Rogat (1799-1852), pupil of David d'Angers is famous for his medals-portraits of Charles X but also of Napoleon Bonaparte at the time of the return of the ashes. Inside the cover a dedication has been engraved: "To Mr. Brewsterr, Souvenir Napoleon Louis Buonaparte Fort de Ham October 24, 1842". M.Brewsterr dentist moved to Paris from 1833 and became from 1839 dentist of the European courts. This snuff-box is probably a gift made by Louis Napoléon Bonaparte, then locked up at the Fort de Ham after his coup in Boulogne for services rendered.

L: 2.95in. (7.5cm) / W: 1.77in. (4.5cm) / H: 0.59in. (1.5cm).

Weight: 3.05oz (86.53g)

Gold marks.

Goldsmith: Louis François Tronquoy, circa 1830-1840

Period: mid 19th century. Circa 1840.

Price:15900€

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