



**Mid-19th century chatelaine and gold watch Maison Borgnis-Gallanty et Mellerio**

Era: Mid-19th century.

Materials: gold.

Dim: H 4.33 in. (11 cm).

Weight: 2.71oz (77g).

Giraffe head (from 1838)

Illegible master goldsmith's mark.

Recontrol: swans.

Chatelaine in three-colored gold (green, pink, and white), composed of a belt hook embellished with a medallion. The medallion shows a floral bouquet composed of rose, lily of the valley and daisy on a mat background. This composition is framed by a floral frieze and surmounted by a quiver and a torch, symbols of Love and Hymen. The medallion ends with a shell motif set with a pearl of stylized

foliage. The watch casing is embellished with "AJ" letters and framed by a floral frieze. The watch has an enamelled dial. Chatelaine kept in its leather case with the number "AJ". Box in the name of the manufacturer "Borgnis Gallanty Mellerio & sucesseur 6 rue d'Argenteuil Paris". The Borgnis Gallanty maison and that of Mellerio so are associated by the marriage of François Mellerio to the daughter of the Borgnis Gallanty jewelers in the middle of the 19th century. Small wear to the enamel. Circa 1840-1850.

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