



**19th century Chinese snuff-box in gold, agate and enamel.**

Tobacco bottle in the shape of a drop topped by a gold and green enamel stopper set with cultured pearls and finished with a jade cap. A braided cord surrounds the cap. The body of the piece is made of a lined agate stone. The outer part of the agate is white in colour and reveals the amber background of the piece and highlights the four-petal flower sculptures. A gold stopper ends in a spatula. These objects were created to replace the European snuffbox, which was too wide and favoured the oxidation of tobacco.

Numerous collectors such as E. Guimet or A. Baur have a passion for these elegant tobacco objects.

18 carat gold. Head of an eagle.

H: 2.08 in. (5,3 cm), L: 1.25 in. (3,2 cm); l: 0.70 in. (1,8 cm).

Poids: 1.71 oz (48,5 g).

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Price: 3800€

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