



OLD VINAIGRETTE WITH PRECIOUS STONES MID-19TH CENTURY

Rectangular, gold vinaigrette with a hinged lid. Scrollwork designs in relief highlight purple cabochon stones arranged as a flower in the center. A geometric frieze frames the composition. The body of the box is decorated with rinceau friezes on an intricately sculpted geometric background. A purple cabochon stone serves as a button to open the vinaigrette, revealing an openwork grill embellished with scrollwork around a rose. The grill was used to hold a sponge soaked in bergamot vinegar or another essence. Restauration period work.

Era: 19th century, Restauration.

Materials: gold, stones.

Dim: L 1.3 in / D 0.9 in / H 0,4 in.

Weight: 0.8 oz (22 g)

Ram head, 1819-1838.