



**VINAIGRETTE IN GOLD, ENAMEL AND PRECIOUS STONES, MID-19TH CENTURY WORK**

Era: mid 19th century.

Materials: gold, enamel.

Dim: H 0.7 in / Diam 1.2 in .

Weight: 0.6 oz (16 g).

Pot-shaped, gold vinaigrette in green enamel embellished with a multicolored floral motif. The hinged lid is decorated with a flowers and topped with a translucent, red enamel star and a precious stone in the center. The body of the vinaigrette features the same floral motif, and underneath is a translucent, multicolored enamel bouquet of flowers. A precious stone serves to open the vinaigrette. In the interior, a circular, openwork grill is intricately sculpted with scrollwork surrounding a central rose. This grill was used to hold a perfumed sponge in place. Mid-19th century work, probably Swiss, intended for sale on the oriental -market.