



**Gold and enamel wax or message case, late 18th century**

Era: Louis XVI period.

Materials: Gold, enamel.

Dim: H: 3,93 in/ W: 0,39 in/ D: 0,31.

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Weight: 21,2 gr.

Marks: 2 owls, cow's head, Mercury's head.

Gold truncated cone-shaped oval message or wax case. It is entirely chased with parallel striations embellished with round pastilles. The upper part is edged with three belts of small studs alternating with very fine blue enamel lines and ends in a swirling rosette. A banner bearing the inscription "souvenir d'amitié" and two pigeons, symbols of love, complete the decoration. The base is decorated at both ends with two studded bands. The decoration depicts a man in a red suit accompanied by a greyhound placing a crown of white pearls at the foot of a alter, while a barefoot lady dressed in green offers a lamb. Buccolic varnish-covered chinese landscape.

