



Chatelaine with amphora in Gold, Enamel and Pearls, 19th Century

Era: 19th century

Materials: gold, enamel, pearl

Dim: H 24 cm (9.44 in) / W 3 cm (1.18 in)

Weight: 49 g (1.72 oz)

Gold hallmark: Eagle head

Chatelaine composed of gold overlaid with royal blue enamel. Two gold link chains flank a central chain whose diamond-shaped links are each decorated with four pearls. These three chains are attached to an enameled half circle that is embellished with pearls. Below this motif, two enameled gold chain tassels crowned with pearls and two diamond-shaped chains set with pearls hold a blue enameled amphora with fine pearls.

A few chips to the enamel that have been restored.

During the 18th and 19th century, this type of chatelaine was worn on the front of a dress and did not necessarily have a watch attached but was rather a fashion accessory. A woman may have worn

multiple chatelaines, as evidenced by Adolf Ulrik Wertmüller's portrait, Queen Marie Antoinette of France and two of her Children Walking in The Park of Trianon, 1785. However, a watch could also be attached to the upper loop.