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A gold and enamel vinaigrette, first 19th century, Moulinier and Bautte, Geneva

Era: first 19th century, Charles X

Materials: gold, enamel

Dim: W 5,5 cm / D 2,2 cm / H 0,7 cm

Mastergold: MB&C for Moulinier Bautte & Compagnie, Geneva

Hallmarks: 18K, several Swiss hallmarks

An elegant, shuttle-shaped gold vinaigrette; its lid is partly enamelled in a translucent blue, adorned with a polychrome floral motif that reveals the guilloché work beneath. Two rows of small, semi-spherical beads delineate the ‘basket’ section, which is decorated with guilloché striations alternating with white polka-dot striations on a black enamel background. The blue enamelled band is highlighted by a white enamelled frieze and features a floral medallion at its centre. The hinged lid opens to reveal a gold interior, featuring a finely chiselled openwork grille engraved with foliage scrolls. The hinge is discreetly integrated