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Rare Meissen Demitasse Cup and Saucer, c.1815

Price

GBP 1,200

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Item Reference: SA1124446

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

An antique porcelain hand-painted demitasse cup with a saucer, created nearly 200 years ago by the renowned Meissen factory. The yellow background, combined with intricate gilded patterns, emphasizes the luxurious nature of the pieces. The center of the saucer is adorned with a stylized compass rose design, serving as a striking decorative element. The set features three vibrant scenes of courting couples—one on the cup and two on the saucer—all meticulously hand-painted. The artwork is of exceptional quality, resembling miniature paintings. It is quite possible that the courting scenes were inspired by the works of Jean-Antoine Watteau (1684–1721), a prominent French Rococo artist. The bases of both pieces are marked with the iconic Meissen crossed swords, confirming their authenticity. This type of decoration is extremely rare and seldom available on the market—an exceptional find for any collector! The Meissen factory, founded in 1710 in Germany, is one of the oldest and most prestigious porcelain manufacturers in Europe. It gained fame for its high-quality hard-paste porcelain, often referred to as "white gold." Meissen is particularly renowned for its intricate design...

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