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THE SAMPSON MORDAN "SIX-FINGER" SILVER CIGARETTE CASE (1880)

Price

GBP 2,400

| USD \$3,241 | EUR 2,807

Item Reference: SA1200673

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

An Unrecorded & Exceptionally Rare Victorian Solid Silver 6-Tube Cigarette Case By Sampson Mordan & Co., London Provenance: The G.S. May Esquire Private Collection, London. Dimensions: 7.5cm x 7cm Weight: 92.10g Sterling Silver. Hallmarks: London, Uppercase "E" (1880). A major unrecorded discovery in the field of Victorian Objects of Vertu. This 6-tube "finger" case predates the Edwardian cigarette boom by two decades, serving as a rare "First Generation" prototype of the tubular design. While the 1880s saw the rise of the hand-rolled cigarette, precision-engineered storage of this caliber was reserved strictly for the London elite. Unrecorded Configuration: Extensive research through global auction archives, including major sales by Sotheby's, Christie's, and Bonhams, confirms that this 6-tube pattern is virtually unrecorded. The bespoke 6-tube arrangement allowed for a more ergonomic "vest-pocket" width (7.5cm) than the more common 7-tube "week-supply" models, likely commissioned for a specific tailored waistcoat. Substantial Weight: At 92.10 grams, the piece possesses a heavy-gauge luxury "heft" that far exceeds standard period cases. ?Preservation: The cas...

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