

SA1204955

Antique British Silver Cigarette Case, Enamel Horse, Birmingham 1917

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1204955****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

A particularly handsome and unusual British silver cigarette case, assayed in Birmingham in 1917 and distinguished by a superb original enamel panel of a galloping bay horse in an English landscape. The composition is lively and confident, with the animal shown in full motion against rolling green hills, fencing, trees, and a pale sky. The painting has the character of a miniature sporting picture and gives the piece a much stronger decorative presence than the plain geometric cases of the same period. The case is made in solid sterling silver in the refined cut-cornered rectangular form associated with high-quality Edwardian and wartime silverwork. The reverse has an elegant engine-turned ground, while the interior is gilt, giving the whole object warmth and visual richness. The proportions are generous, and the depth makes it suitable not only as a cigarette case but also as a practical card case for business cards or small note papers. An important point is that the enamel panel is original to the piece and not a later addition. It sits correctly within the silver frame and shows no signs of later fitting, re-soldering, filing, or secondary mounting. Under ultraviolet ...

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