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Eight 18th Century botanical hand coloured engravings by Michael Rupert Besler

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1214436****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 50 cm (19.7")

Width = 39 cm (15.4")

Description

A set of eight 18th Century botanical hand coloured engravings by Michael Rupert Besler. Originating from the celebrated natural history compendiums of the German physician and botanist Michael Rupert Besler (1607–1661)—each plate depicts a unique alpine or exotic botanical specimen rising elegantly from an ornate, twin-handled classical urn. The collection features highly sought-after plates, including the grand 'Gentiana Insignis Alpina Floribus Aureis' and 'Amaranthus Mexicanus'. These works beautifully bridge the gap between scientific curiosity and exquisite artistic merit. Each specimen is presented with its delicate Latin classification hand-engraved across the body of the cartouche-style urns. Condition: Excellent antique condition. Beautiful, authentic toning to the paper consistent with 18th-century sheets. 20th Century frames. ----- Michael Rupert Besler was a distinguished 17th-century German physician, apothecary, and scholar-collector whose work epitomizes the golden age of European natural history and the phenomenon of the Wunderkammer (Cabinet of Curiosities). Born in the historic cultural hub of Nuremberg, Besler belonged to a legendary dynasty of E...

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