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Victorian Silver Novelty Crocodile Skin Trunk Box, Birmingham 1899

Price

GBP 850

| USD \$1,148 | EUR 994

Item Reference: SA1217533**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Victorian Silver Novelty Crocodile Skin Trunk Box, Birmingham 1899 A masterfully executed, late Victorian novelty sterling silver box by the renowned silversmiths Cornelius Desormeaux Saunders & James Francis Hollings Shepherd. Cleverly modelled as a miniature Gladstone travelling bag, this exquisite piece features a deeply chased, high-relief crocodile skin effect across the domed lid and body, accented by a vacant oval cartouche to the front. Complete with a hinged overhead swing handle and raised on four bun feet, the lid opens to reveal its original, rich gilded interior. Crisp, untouched condition with exceptionally bold texturing, this is a premier piece of late 19th-century novelty silver boasting prestigious Bonhams auction provenance. Maker: Cornelius Desormeaux Saunders & James Francis Hollings Shepherd (CS&FS) Origin: Birmingham, 1899 Dimensions: Length 4.5 cm | Height 3.5 cm Weight: 35 grams Provenance: Ex-Bonhams, Lot 520 The G. S May Esquire Private Collection, London

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