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19th Century English Folk Art Snuff Coffin Puzzle Box

Price

GBP 495

| USD \$670 | EUR 579

Item Reference: SA1220554

Date of manufacture: Edwardian

Description

An interesting novelty 19th century snuff box puzzle in the shape of a coffin. The outside of the coffin is decorated with brass pin work decoration. At either end of brass carrying handle. The lid slides sideways and there is a paper motto 'You're a tricky chap. Take a pinch of snuff then find the little stiffin'. The top section then pushes up and off to reveal a smaller coffin. The lid in turns slides sideways and there is another motto 'Now find my brother'. The smaller coffin has brass carrying handles, one of which if you pull hard enough pulls out to reveal a carved skeleton. The base lid swings out, presumably where you could store a small amount of snuff. Finely crafted with a coffin-shaped form, the box reflects the period's interest in mortality, remembrance, and personal memento objects. The interactive puzzle element adds both charm and collectability, making it an exceptional piece for collectors of folk art, antique boxes, and historical curiosities.

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