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Superb London 1830
hallmarked William IV period
very unusual round solid silver
vinaigrette by famous makers
REILY AND STORER.

Price

GBP 695

| USD \$940 | EUR 813

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Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Wonderful London 1830 William IV period English hallmarked solid silver vinaigrette in round form by famous London silversmiths Charles Reily and George Storer. They were well known for producing very fine quality small silver boxes. A vinaigrette is a small box that would be used by both men and women, and would contain a small bit of sponge, placed under the pierced grill, which would be soaked in perfume, aromatic vinegar, or smelling salts. The purpose of this was to cope with the bad smells of the time, when sanitation and personal hygiene were not up to par. One would lift the lid and take a sniff, which would temporarily bring some relief. The well to do carried solid silver vinaigrettes, which would fit easily into handbags or pockets. Sometimes they were also included in large fitted complete travelling sets, with other vanity items. This 3 piece vinaigrette has an air tight fitted lid with lovely scrolled initials on the central cartouche. It is beautifully engraved on all sides, including the bottom. It has a lovely silver gilt interior, and a removable push fit leaf pierced grill with rope twist loop handle. The engraving is very fine. The three pieces all...

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