

SA380273

Early C19th Regency period
'blonde' tortoiseshell oblong
tea-caddy.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA380273

Date of manufacture: Regency

Dimensions

Height = 15.24 cm (6.0")

Description

Early C19th Regency period 'blonde' tortoiseshell oblong tea-caddy. Of canted-corner sarcophagus form, with concave-moulded stepped 'pagoda' style lid, inset with a vacant oblong silver tablet initial plaque. The pale figured turtle-shell veneered panels divided by silver stringing. The front fitted with a decorative shaped silver escutcheon plate, the whole raised on silver-plated ball feet. The interior fitted with twin lidded compartments, the interiors partially retaining their original tin-foil lining. The removable interior lids fitted with their original turned ivory knobs. The inside of the lid lined with the original pale pink velvet, whilst both the rims of the lid and the base are veneered in ivory. Fitted with original lock, lacking key. The word caddy is derived from the Chinese word "Kati", which is the measure of weight by which tea was sold. The purpose of the twin compartments was to provide spaces for both black Indian tea and green China tea, and to enable them to be mixed to taste. Excellent colour to the well-figured pale 'blonde' turtle/tortoiseshell veneers, with a warm amber hue. In exceptionally good original condition, with only tiny fragmen...

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