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Exquisite Jennens & Bettridge Jewellery Box c.1850 - Girl and Dog Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA509434****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 30 cm (11.8")

Depth = 21 cm (8.3")

Description

An exquisite and quite charming jewellery box dating to around 1860 and made from lacquered papier mache by the most famous of English makers, Jennens and Bettridge, signed on the underside " J Bettridge Late Jennens & Bettridge, Birmingham ". Jennens and Bettridge were an important manufacturer based in Birmingham, with branches in London and eventually Paris and New York. By the 1850s Jennens & Bettridge were known as the foremost papier mache producers and were appointed Royal Warrants to King George IV, William IV and Prince Albert. The exterior of this box is inlaid with Mother of Pearl with it's iridescent qualities, lavishly gilded with hand painted floral panels around the sides and back. The top hand-painted panel is of course what makes this so desirable and collectible with a scene of a sleeping girl with a Victorian hoop and stick game by her side and her dog guarding her, I think a flat haired Retriever; about as charming as they come. The box comes complete with a working lock and key and once opened reveals the fitted interior, professionally relined with a removable tray which incorporates a full width ring cushion to the rear which would accommodate a...

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