

SA806533

Antique Solid Silver Victorian Vinaigrette "Castle Top" Design of Scott Monument - Nathaniel Mills 1844

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA806533****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Width = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

We are delighted to offer this wonderful "Castle Top" solid silver Vinaigrette box made by renowned silversmith Nathaniel Mills of Birmingham in 1844. An impressive array of details, embellishments and features are present with this exemplary case showcasing the fine silver craftsmanship of the Victorian era. Scenes of famous, popular and historic monuments can be found on cigar cases, card cases and boxes, made by leading silversmiths with the craftsmanship possible to replicate the fine details of real-life monuments. Such wares are referred to as "Castle Tops" and were gifted/purchased as a memoir of visiting such places or for those with a significant association to the depicted scenes. The box being made by Nathaniel Mills also features additionally intricate features such as the chased floral borders, thumbpiece and the silver-gilt interior grille. A vinaigrette box was used to store a small but strong scented sponge which was usually carried by ladies who would use the scent to either mask odours of the city (as sewage systems were not as advance as today) or as a high social distinction whereby only the wealthy could afford perfume, and in addition, a sil...

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