

SA887790

Very Rare 19th C. Shadwell Bros. Forgery Diptych

Price

GBP 950

| USD \$1,286 | EUR 1,112

Item Reference: SA887790

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Width = 8.5 cm (3.3")

Depth = 18 cm (7.1")

Description

Very Rare 19th C. Shadwell Brothers Forgery Diptych This is a rare Diptych made in the 19th century by the (in)famous Shadwell brothers. The rectangular diptych is made from lead and made in two pieces, the front of open-work design depicting an arc angel Abaddon (other word for Jesus) holding the key of the abyss, he is actually a representative of God. The base is depicting a knight with sword in full armour and in the righthand corner the letters V.S. two holes are perforated to one side. The reverse unintelligible legend and dated 1020, a loop is situated at the top. The Shadwell brothers started their career as mudlarks in the 19th century and sold their finds to antique dealers in London, soon they found out that they could earn more if they were making their own "Antiques", they made between 5000 and 10.000 forgeries, mainly pilgrim badges, all the items were made as one off. The British Museum was one of many tricked by them at the time, some experts believed the items are real, a court case was held but could not give a clear verdict.

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