

A rare Charles II Spice Box made, most probably, in London circa 1680. Conjoined maker's mark in a lozenge.

Sold



Description

The Spice Box is circular in form with a plain base with twisted ropework border. The base is engraved with the initials JP over ES., probably denoting the donor and recipient. The pull off cover is engraved with a Tudor Rose motif, pierced with plain roundels. This piece is in excellent condition and is marked in the base, and cover, with a conjoined maker's mark contained within a lozenge punch. This box was an early form of Vinaigrette and would have been filled with sweet smelling spices to help relieve the owner, when held to the nose, from the foul smells in the streets of the period. A near identical example is shown on page 105 of "Investing in Silver" by Eric Delieb. Height: 0.5 inches, 1.25 cm. Diameter: 0.9 inches, 2.25 cm.