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MID 18TH CENTURY

SIZE: 7.5CM HIGH, 6CM WIDE, 6.5CM DEEP – 3 INS HIGH, 2¼ INS WIDE, 2½ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THE WORD PERFUME COMES FROM THE LATIN 'PERFUMUM' MEANING 'BY SMOKE' AS THE EARLIEST USE OF AROMATIC SUBSTANCES WAS AS INCENSE BURNT AS AN OFFERING IN A RELIGIOUS RITUAL. HIPPOCRATES WROTE OF THE USE OF AROMATIC FUMIGATION IN PREVENTING CONTAGION AND LATER, ARAB DOCTORS USED PERFUMED SUBSTANCES TO TREAT PATIENTS AND TO SCENT THEIR OWN GARMENTS. HOWEVER, BY THE LATE 17TH CENTURY PERFUMES WERE VALUED MORE FOR THEIR COSMETIC THAN THEIR MEDICINAL PROPERTIES AND THE ART OF THE PERFUMER FLOURISHED.