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VICTORIAN DATED CARVED TREEN SNUFF BOX IN THE SHAPE OF A PAIR OF BELLOWS

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WITH A BRASS NOZZLE, PIQUÉD WITH BRASS PINS '1858' AND THE INITIALS 'BS', THE SLIDING LID DECORATED WITH A CROWN. PERHAPS SAILORS WORK
CIRCA 1858
SIZE: 10CM LONG – 4 INS LONG

LITERATURE

AN INFINITE VARIETY OF WOODEN SNUFFBOXES WERE MADE DURING THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES AND HUNDREDS OF VARIETIES OF SNUFF WERE SOLD FLAVOURED OR PERFUMED WITH DIFFERENT SCENTED OILS. THE SNUFFBOXES THAT WERE CARVED AS BELLOWS ALLUDE TO THE SENSATION OF 'BLOWING AWAY THE DUST' OR 'BLOWING UP A FIRE' THAT WAS CAUSED IN THE NOSE.