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A: A JEWELLERY OR TRINKET BOX, THE LID INSET WITH A PAINTED GOUACHE OF A TOWNSCAPE ENTITLED 'ANSICHT VON WIEN' AND SIGNED 'WIGAND'

B: A SEWING BOX CONTAINING SEWING ACCESSORIES AND A GOLD MOUNTED DOME SHAPED THIMBLE, THE LID INSET WITH A PAINTED GOUACHE OF A LANDSCAPE ENTITLED 'WIEN UND DOBLING'

EARLY 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: A: 4CM HIGH, 13.5CM WIDE, 8CM DEEP – 1½ INS HIGH, 5¼ INS WIDE, 3 INS DEEP

B: 3.5CM HIGH, 13CM WIDE, 6.5CM DEEP – 1¼ INS HIGH, 5 INS WIDE, 2½ INS DEEP

## **LITERATURE**

ORIGINALLY MADE IN THE WORKSHOPS OF THE PALACE OF THE DUC D' ORLEANS IN PARIS, THESE MOTHER OF PEARL LUXURY ARTICLES BECAME POPULAR WITH FASHIONABLE PARISIAN SOCIETY. THESE TWO EXAMPLES OF PALAIS ROYALE BOXES WITH THEIR PAINTED PICTURESQUE VIENNESE VIEWS WERE MOST PROBABLY MADE FOR THE AUSTRIAN MARKET AND ARE FINE EXAMPLES OF THE GRAND TOUR SOUVENIRS BROUGHT HOME BY THE ARISTOCRATIC TOURISTS OF THE DAY.