Finch & Co



**ITALIAN ROMAN MICRO MOSAIC OF THE 'IL PONTE NOMENTANO'**

A FINE ITALIAN ROMAN MICRO MOSAIC OF THE 'IL PONTE NOMENTANO'
SET IN A TORTOISESHELL AND GOLD BOX, INVENTORY LABELS TO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE LID
EARLY 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 2.5CM HIGH, 8CM DIA. – 1 INS HIGH, 3¼ INS DIA.

**LITERATURE**

IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE GRAND TOUR SMALL BOXES DECORATED WITH TINY MOSAICS MADE FROM ANCIENT COLOURED MARBLES WERE THE PERFECT SOUVENIRS. TRAVELLERS RETURNING TO THE LONDON FOG WITH A MINIATURE IMAGE OF THE GREAT RUIN OF THE COLISEUM FOR INSTANCE, NOT ONLY POSSESSED A MEMORY OF THE SIGHTS OF ANCIENT ROME, BUT ALSO A SCRAP OF THE MATERIAL USED TO MAKE THE ORIGINAL IMPERIAL CITY.