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GERMAN HEART SHAPED TORTOISESHELL GUN POWDER OR PRIMING FLASK

A GERMAN HEART SHAPED TORTOISESHELL GUN POWDER OR PRIMING FLASK WITH ENGRAVED SILVER MOUNTS AND STOPPER WITH ATTACHED CHAIN

LATE 17TH CENTURY

SIZE: 10CM HIGH, 7.5CM WIDE, 2.5CM DEEP - 4 INS HIGH, 3 INS WIDE, 1 INS DEEP

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LITERATURE

POWDER OR PRIMING FLASKS MADE OF EXOTIC NATURAL MATERIALS WERE OFTEN PRODUCED FOR SHOW RATHER THAN AS SERIOUS HUNTING ACCOUTREMENTS USED TO CARRY GUNPOWDER FOR CHARGING A MUZZLE LOADING GUN. THEY WERE FASHION ACCESSORIES WORN WITH THE HUNTING DRESS OF THE PERIOD AND FUNCTIONED AS PRESTIGE OBJECTS.