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UNUSUAL JAPANESE COPPER NETSUKE IN THE FORM OF A SAMURAI SADDLE

AN UNUSUAL JAPANESE COPPER NETSUKE IN THE FORM OF A SAMURAI SADDLE DECORATED WITH GILT KIRI-MON
EDO PERIOD (1601 - 1867) CIRCA 1820 - 40
SIZE: 2.5CM HIGH, 2.5CM WIDE, 3CM DEEP - 1 INS HIGH,1 INS WIDE, 1 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

NETSUKE MADE OF IRON AND SOFT METALS WERE PRODUCED BY THE SAME ARTISANS WHO CREATED SWORD FITTINGS. THEIR SKILL WAS AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL TO THAT EXPECTED BY THE SAMURAI PATRONS. THESE TWO FINELY SCULPTED EXAMPLES ARE ALSO RARE AS THEY ARE NOT 'KAGAMIBUTA' THAT IS CLASPS MADE FOR SAGEMONO OR PIPE CASES, OR 'KANAGU', THE METAL FITTINGS USED ON THE FRONT OF PIPE BAGS, ALL OF WHICH WERE MORE COMMONLY MADE BY THE CRAFTSMEN OF SWORD FURNITURE.