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Message Holder Case

OBJECTS. SMALL PARTS

France

XVIII century

Ivory

13 cm high

COD · 07-07-003

DESCRIPTION

A rare ivory message-holder, finely carved in the round. On the body, the depiction of two cherubs at play and, on the lid, two doves in love in their nest identify it as a love message-holder: the servant messenger, the lover’s envoy, carried the message and awaited the reply. The decoration is completed by rich floral motifs and typically Baroque inserts. A fine example of workmanship in the characteristic French taste,

executed by a skilled sculptor in a period attributable to the 18th century.