A very unusual Engine Turned parcel gilt card case made in Birmingham in 1855 by Cronin & Wheeler.

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Description

The card case is of rectangular form with a shaped edge. The front is unusually engraved with a fountain, with birds perched on each side, as well as "C" scrolls enclosing different panels of engine turned engraved designs and floral sprays. The reverse displays the same "C" scrolls, engine turned panels and florals sprays, centred with a shaped vacant cartouche. The case is in excellent, crisp, condition and is fully marked on the bezel. The case is unusual being parcel gilt, that is where the whole piece is initially gilded and then some of the gilding is engraved away by the other designs to create a beautiful two colour effect. The work of Cronin and Wheeler does not appear often, but is always of the finest quality in design and production.Length: 3.75 inches, 9.38 cmWidth: 2.6 inches, 6.5 cm.Weight: 3oz.

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