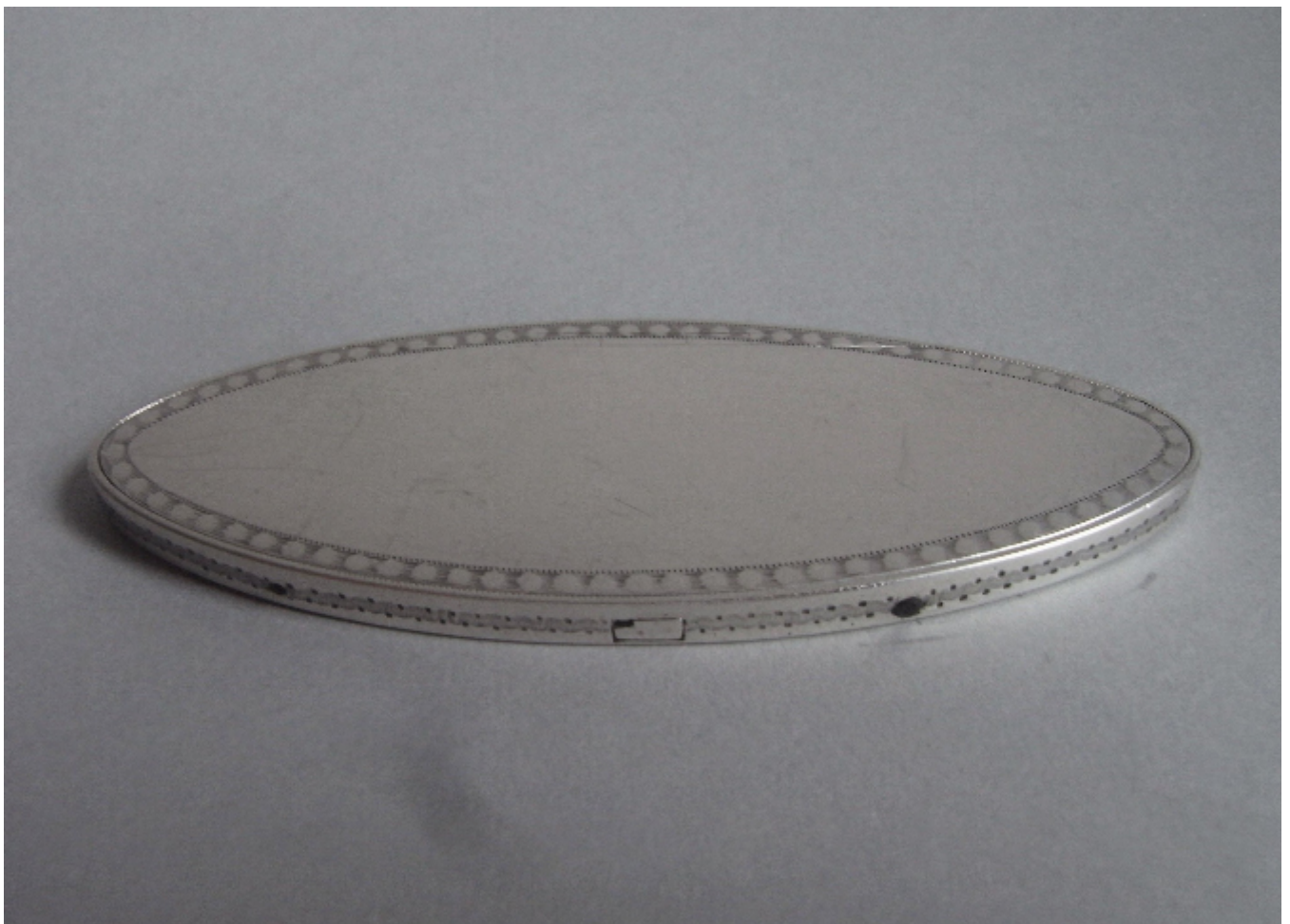


A very unusual George III Needle Case made in London in 1798 by Thomas Phipps & Edward Robinson.

Sold



Description

This extremely fine box is one of the most slender we have seen coming from the workshops of these premier box makers. This piece has an elliptical form and both the edge of the base and cover are engraved with an unusual outer beaded band. The sides are engraved with prick dot designs and this piece displays a beautifully concealed hinge. The box also has a very unusual locking mechanism, so that it stays closed all of the time and only opens when the catch is pushed in on the front. This must obviously be so that the sharp contents would not fall out. This is the first time we have handled one of these boxes which is very well marked and in excellent condition.

Length: 3.75 inches, 9.38cm.

Width: 1.45 inches, 3.63cm.