

NATHANIEL MILLS. An unusual "Sunburst" Vinaigrette made in Birmingham in 1845 by Nathaniel Mills.

Sold



Description

The Vinaigrette is broad rectangular in form with serpentine shaped sides. The cover and base are engraved with a very unusual sunburst design, on the cover around a scroll cartouche, engraved with script initials, and on the base around a central flower head. The sides are decorated with engine turned designs and the front side displays a cast floral and foliate thumb piece. The interior is finely gilded and displays a grille pierced and engraved with pluming scrolls and flower heads. This piece is in excellent condition and is very well marked, also displaying a makers mark on the underside of the grille. This is a most unusual design of engraving to come from the workshops of this famous box maker.

Length: 1.45 inches, 3.63cm.

Width: 1 inch, 2.5cm.