SOLD Abbotsford House. An extremely fine Castle Top Vinaigrette made in Birmingham in 1845 by Nathaniel Mills.

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Description

The Vinaigrette is broad rectangular in form with a cast floral edge on the cover and base. The sides are decorated with horizontal reeding and base with engine turned designs and the base also displays a vacant scroll shaped cartouche. The cover displays a very detailed raised view of Abbotsford House, home of Sir Walter Scott. The interior is finely gilded and displays a grille of pluming foliate scroll work and flower heads, all within a bright cut frame. The interior is very well marked and the underside of the grille, is marked with the maker's mark. This box is in excellent condition and has hardly signs of use and wear.Sir Walter Scott purchased the farm land on which he was to build Abbotsford in 1811. It lay on the bank of the River Tweed near an old ford and had once belonged to the monks of Melrose – hence the name of Abbotsford. With William Atkinson as architect, Scott pulled down the old farmhouse in 1822 and began a new home. He was first able to move into part of it in 1824. He died in the dining room at Abbotsford on 21st September 1832. A west wing was added to the house in the 1850's by Hope Scott. Length: 1.45 inches, 3.63 cm.Width: 1 inch, 2.5 cm.Height: 0.45 inches, 1.13 cm.

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