

A very rare William III Silver Mounted Tortoiseshell Snuff Box made most probably in London circa 1695.

Sold



## Description

The Snuff Box is of oval form, with silver sides, and mounts, and stand away hinge. The base is inset with a plain tortoiseshell panel and the cover displays most unusual silver pique work depicting cupid firing his arrow into a conjoined heart, below the motto which translates as: "Love Unites Two Hearts." The sailing ship and seagulls indicate that the recipient was probably going on a voyage to foreign lands, hence the inclusion of an oriental looking tower. This was almost certainly a love token, however this is the first time we have seen this design, which leads us to believe that it may have been a special commission. The box is in excellent condition and the tortoiseshell is beautifully shaded.

Length: 3 inches, 7.5 cm.

Width: 2.25 inches, 5.63cm.

Height: 0.5 inches, 1.25 cm.