# An exceptional George III 18ct Gold Vinaigrette made in London in 1799 by Giles Loyer

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Description

The Vinaigrette is oval in form and is decorated on the cover and base with a band of roundels and central raying flower head, all on an engine turned ground. The sides are also decorated with the same roundels, as well as linear designs. The cover opens up to reveal a hinged grille, pierced with plain roundels. Vinaigrettes are rare from the 18th century, as they really gained popularity in the early 19th century. 18ct Gold was not marked until 1798, therefore this piece is an early example of hallmarked 18ct gold. This piece is in outstanding condition and has seen very little use over all of the years. The vinaigrette is fully marked in the base and with the maker's mark on the underside of the cover.Giles Loyer was a specialist gold box maker who made this specific design of vinaigrette displaying crisp engine turned designs. His first mark was entered on the 28th October, 1799, so this represents an early example of his work. He had workshops at 21 Denmark Street when this very fine piece was made.Length: 1.15 inches, 2.88 cm.Width: 1 inch, 2.5 cm.Height: 0.5 inches, 1.25 cm


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