



cabinet of curiosity



Entomology Specimen in Antique Jewellery Box - Jewel Beetle (Open Wings)

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ABOUT

Entomology, "cabinet of curiosities" style installation of a jewel beetle (Buprestidae) with open wings in an antique (19th century) French jewellery box. The box combines bevelled glass panels mounted in an ornate brass frame, raised on scroll feet. The box shows visible signs of natural ageing, yet remains in good antique condition; the specimen is a later, recent installation on a velvet base with a brass holder.

Jewel beetles (family Buprestidae) are known for their highly iridescent elytra, which were historically used as decorative sequins in India and later adopted in Britain during the 18th and 19th centuries for embroidery, ceremonial textiles, and court dress. Their metallic wings were valued for durability and colour stability, making them a distinctive material in historic ornamental arts.

ITEM DETAILS

Reference: #S072

CREATOR

Unknown

PERIOD / DATE

Contemporary and 19h Century

PLACE OF ORIGIN

England

DIMENSIONS

H 13 cm x W 11 cm x D 11 cm

MATERIALS & TECHNIQUES

Glass - Brass - Velvet - Natural
Specimen

CONDITION

Very Good