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## LOT 510

A gold, ruby and seed pearl demi-parure, circa 1870, designed as a central overlapping petal flowerhead, claw set with a ruby within a surround of half-pearls bordered by engraved decoration, comprising an oval hinged bangle, inside width 5.5cm, a brooch, the back with a glazed locket compartment, diameter 3.4cm, and a pair of pendant earrings (one half-pearl lacking from one earring), within original fitted case.

Estimate: £600 - £800

## Condition Report

510. Bangle - the circular front panel is connected by two pins to the front of the bangle, which is reinforced with lead solder to one pin, the other pin has worked loose. The central ruby is chipped and is of medium to pale colour saturation. The surrounding pearls have an attractive silvery lustre. The circular front panel border is perforated in places where the engraved decoration has gone through to the back. The hinge to the bangle is slightly strained and is overall a bit distorted, the clasp closes properly. Weight 23.9g. Brooch - the central ruby is of pale colour saturation. The surrounding pearls have an attractive silvery lustre. The glazing to the back of the locket is poorly fitted and is possibly a replacement. There are one or two minor tiny dents. Weight 12.3g. Earring one - the ruby has pale colour saturation. Some of the pearls have been replaced, one pearl is missing and there are a few dents and marks at the back. Earring two - the ruby has pale colour saturation, with two or three surface reaching inclusions. Some of the pearls have probably been replaced, the back has one or two tiny marks but generally in good condition. Total weight of both earrings 4.7g. The gold is not marked but we think it is probably 15ct with a gilt flashing. Case - the blue silk ribbon is broken, the hinge is broken and the exterior is rather scuffed, particularly to the high points of the leather.

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