

Silver and Plate / Wed, 3rd November 2021 / Lot 450



## LOT 450

A rare Victorian silver novelty smoker's companion, finely cast and modelled as a monkey riding a bear supporting two circular bowls and a wicker basket on its back, the monkey forming the table lighter, the detachable head cover wearing a plumed helmet and smoking a pipe/cigar, on a naturalistic oval base, London 1876 by Robert Hennell, stamped registration lozenge to underside and inscribed 'H. Lewis, 7 New Bond St, London' to side of base, weight 387.8g, height 11.5cm, length 12.5cm.

Estimate: £3,000 - £5,000

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## Condition Report

450. Generally in good condition with typical light surface scratches and wear commensurate with age. The left hand pannier bowl has a small notch repair to one side with small lead repair visible. The other bowl is slightly misshapen. Gilt interiors have typical light scratching. Small dent to tip of bear's nose. Otherwise the piece is in good order with good crisp detailing. Head of monkey fits tightly in place. Marks to base are good and clear.

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