

Objects of Virtù / Thursday, 14th April 2022 / Lot 2445



LOT 2445

A fine early 19th century gold and enamelled aide-mémoire with watch, probably Swiss, the tapered shaped rectangular case enamelled to one side with a shoreside fishing scene with sailing ship and distant mountains, the other side with a pastoral scene with cows by the water's edge, a shepherdess and distant mountains, the lower part opening to reveal a watch compartment with an unsigned cylinder movement, the varicoloured enamelled dial with black Arabic numerals below two doves, the case opening to reveal the aide-mémoire pad, pencil, watch key and tiny spoon, length 8cm (small dent with minor enamel loss).

Estimate: £3,000 - £5,000

Condition Report

2445. Very small losses to black enamel on top hinged lid on both sides, further small losses to blue enamel on rear edge of hinge lid. Lacking base plate. Minute hand on the watch is detached and hairline crack to black enamel on watch plate. Aide memoire is lacking most of its original ivory panels. Pencil and spoon are both possibly later additions and not original.

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