



The Works of Art, Medals, Militaria & Furniture Auction

26th April 2019

Viewing:

Tuesday 23rd - 9am-5pm

Wednesday 24th - 9am-5pm

Thursday 25th - 9am-5pm

Friday 26th - 9am-11.30am

Lot 1605

A 19TH CENTURY SAILORS VALENTINE

19TH CENTURY SAILORS VALENTINE, the hinged case opening to reveal two shell work displays, one depicting heart and floral motif, the other inscribed 'Think of Me' within shell border, under glass, within a hinged octagonal stained wood case, bearing B.H. Belgrave Barbados label to reverse, 35.5cm high

Note: B.H. (Benjamin Hinds) Belgrave opened the New Curiosity Shop - featuring "Marine Specimens and Native Manufactures in Fancy Work" - in Bridgetown Barbados in 1878. Now known as the primary source of Sailors Valentines, the shop was later taken over and operated by his brother, George Belgrave, from 1895 until his death in 1925.

Condition Report

- Signs of wear consistent with age
- Red bears loose from central heart motif, these appear present loose within the case
- Some marks and chips to wooden case
- Label to reverse covered with plastic for protection
- Two parts of wooden border around the glass are loose, these are present within the case
- See additional photographs added