Napoleon Pipe Stopper or Tamper

Sold

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Height: 5.71 cm (2.2")

Width: 1.27 cm (0.5")

Depth: 0.63 cm (0.2")

Description

A cast brass Pipe Stopper with the figure of Napoleon Bonaparte.

In the mid 19th century a wide variety of pipe stoppers were made depicting various recent and historical figures chosen for their likely commercial appeal. Napoleon has always held the interest of more than just the French and is probably more collectible than Wellington, a figure that was also produced. A number of pipe tampers with Napoleon were made, mostly with the same figure with his arms folded, but on slightly different bases. He was made standing on both a tower and a ball (which perhaps represented the world) and also shown with his son by his side.

It is probable that this tobacco stopper was made in Birmingham. It is likely that only a little attention was paid to chasing it after casting to define the detail although waistcoat buttons etc can clearly be seen. Added to its handling for use, this has led to the stopper having a worn, rounded feel to the brass. Mid 19th Century

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