HELGA MATZKE EUROPEAN SILVER



A PARCEL GILT SILVER BEAKER

Breslau (1598-1627)

Master: Friedrich Schoenau.

Engraved coat of arms with initials and the scene of Caritas Romana.

Height 10.7 cm, weight 155 grams.

Provenance: Kari Helenius, a prominent Finnish silver collector and author of the book; Tsarkka - venäläinen hopeinen votkakuppi/Charka - The Russian silver vodka cup, Helsinki 2006.

Caritas Romana - Wikipedia

The books of memorable facts and sayings by Valerius Maximus, which were created around 30 AD under Tiberius (14-37 AD), contain among other things the story of "Caritas Romana" (Roman Charity) in two different versions. The story is about a parent who is supposed to starve in prison. In the first version by Valerius Maximus, it is the mother, while in the second version it is the father. Only the young daughter is allowed to enter, after she has been thoroughly searched for food. However, the daughter, who had just given birth, offers her own breast for the parent to drink from, thus saving him/her from starvation.

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