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A French Gold, Enamel & Ivory Boîte À Miniatures

Paris, circa 1870

Length: 7.5cm, 3in

£ 15,000

In the 8th century style with rectangular cut corners, the cage-work mounts chased and enamelled with trailing leaves and flowers on a matted ground. The corners with white pellets, containing miniatures painted en grisaille after Boucher. The lid with putti playing with a goat, the base representing Industry, the sides with further putti at play. The box with a gold lining and hallmarked with modern French eagle head control marks