Signet ring

Metalwork Collection

Accession Nr.:	64.198.1
Inscription:	abroncsán londoni hitelesítőjegy és feloldatlan HE mesterjegy beütve
Materials:	gold
Techniques:	engraved decoration
Dimensions:	height: 3,3 cm diameter: 2,8 cm weight: 64,1 g

A large, heavy stamp ring for a man. The whole surface is covered with leaved foliage. The top shows a soldered escutcheon, enclosed by tiny gold nuggets. The head can be opened, concealing a compartment in a square-shaped hole, which is covered by the folding, empty rim. The compartment is divided into four small parts, with engraved inscriptions on the rim *BALLAARAT BENDIGO, OVENS, JIM CROW*. Ballarat and Bendigo are towns in Australia, famous for their gold mines the other two names probably refer to the gold diggers.

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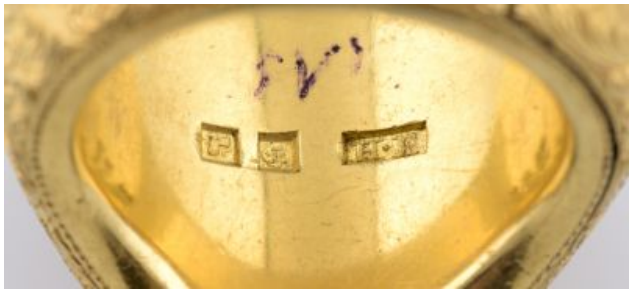



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