Devotional image - Mary with the child Jesus and two angels

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Accession Nr.:	85.324.1
Place of production:	Austria (presumably)
Materials:	cardboard
Techniques:	pierced; pressed
Dimensions:	height: 6,5 cm width: 10 cm

This small devotional picture, in a recumbent rectangle format, has a triptych-like structure, thanks to the open tracery screen pressed on it. In its central panel, Mary embraces the baby Jesus in the manger, with a kneeling, praying angel on either side.
There is a dichotomy between the elements taken from gothic architecture and the triptych-like division, on the one hand, and the naturalistic manner of the representation, on the other.
This small image could have inspired its owner to motherly care and love while praying and contemplating.
These popular pictures, which often served as Christmas greeting cards, were produced by companies that made church furnishings and things that were meant to edify the faithful (books, devotional pictures, etc.).

Literature

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