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Trinket Box

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 Title:
 Trinket Box

 Date:
 1800 – 1900

Material: metal

Dimensions: $4.0 \times 7.0 \times 12.5 \text{ cm}$

Description: An oval shaped brass box with lid attached by hinges so it can open

completely. Lid fits flushly and smoothly over the lip of the body. Its overall appearance is of an oval with two domes that flatten for top and base. Picture inscribed in brass on top of a man and woman fighting while some rather anthropomorphized animals smile on, a lion, bear, and monkey (?) the text accompanying translates from the Dutch: "Living animals you can tame, but in the world lives no man who can tame his wife." On the base is an image of a man upon whom two women are spilling "slops" from a window, at left, while at right a harried man in a cave-break is being attacked by a gryphon and a lion, and a text, translated from the Dutch reads "I would rather not love or drink than make my resting place and home with an angry woman." Interior of box is painted black, which has blistered. Some of design has been polished

away.

Subject: households

decorative

Credit: Gift of Catharine Robb Whyte, O. C., Banff, 1979

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