



### **Eighteenth century Herregrund tumbler cup POA**

Copper vessels in this form were popular souvenirs from Herregrund, at that time in Northern Hungary, now in present-day Slovakia, extolling the seemingly magical qualities of the water in the region, which has unusually high concentrations of copper sulphate. Iron scraps left in pools of water did not actually transform into copper, but collected on their surface considerable amounts of pure copper precipitate drawn out of the water through a natural chemical reaction. An inscription on the lip of the beaker reads "You can find this in Herregrund where miracles like this are known." These objects were a local curiosity, bought by visitors as souvenirs and offered at fairs throughout Central and Southeast Europe.

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