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Afanasii Rybakow

Russian silver-gilt and engraved Tankard

Moskow, 1732

h: 19 cm, 886 g

AR for **Afanasii Rybakow** / I.C.(underside of bottom and rim of lid)

(Maker's mark – listed in "Russische Goldschmiedekunst des 15.-19.Jh., Verlag Wissenschaft Moskau Nr. 2587)

Resting on three ball feet with foliage and fruit, attached to the body with leaf pannels.

The body finely engraved with three cartouches depicting idyllic country life scenes with aphorisms:

“Man gräbt es wegen Fruchtbarkeit“

„Wenn man es mit Verstand beschneidt“

„So bringt es künftig Nutz und Freud“

The cover engraved with flower tendrils around a portrait of an antique commander. The thumbpiece shaped as a foliate ball, the scroll handle chased with fruit garlands.

The tankard is in perfect original condition with its original fire-gilding.

Very rare are the German inscriptions on a Russian tankard.

There are works of this master I.C. in Russian museums such as the Moskow State Museum and the State Armoury Museum Moskow and Smolensk State Museum.