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Pair of Bourgeois Cassolettes

39 x 20 cm 15.3543307086614 x 15.3543307086614"

Epoche Empire $39 \times 20 \text{ cm } (15^{3})_{8} \times 7^{7}$ inches)

Cast bronze, chased, gilded, and patinated.

A square plinth with a grooved base is supported by a tall rectangular pedestal made of patinated bronze, decorated with palmettes on all sides. On top of this, resting on a concluding plinth, is a neoclassical vase body with ram masks applied to the sides and a finely chiseled palmette frieze. A stylized branch, surrounded by palm leaves, grows from the vase opening, its leafy calyx designed as a candle holder. On top of this, there is a plug-in top with a candlestick arm made of patinated bronze. This is crowned in the center by a laurel wreath made of gilded bronze, flanked on the sides by two candle holders in the shape of classical vases.

Literature:

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