

Early Victorian pinchbeck kinetic earrings

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Description

An unusual pair of early Victorian pinchbeck yellow metal pendant kinetic earrings circa 1840.

Pinchbeck metal is a type of brass alloy that combines copper, zinc, and a small amount of tin. It was historically used in the creation of various decorative items, particularly during the 18th and 19th centuries. The metal's name is derived from the town of Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, England, where it was first produced.

Known for its gold-like appearance, it was often used as a substitute for gold in the making of jewellery, buttons, and other ornamental objects. Pinchbeck metal is durable and resists tarnishing, which contributed to its popularity in mass-produced items.