



Etching.

BROCADED MUFF

[Brocaded muff]

Author

HOLLAR, W[enceslaus]

Publication date

1647].

Publisher

Publication place

[Antwerp,

Physical description

Etching.

Dimensions

82 by 113mm. (3.25 by 4.5 inches).

Notes

During the 1640s, Hollar produced a series of still life etchings with a focus on fashion, perhaps to complement his other contemporary series on women's dress and his female personifications. The present example features a fur muff with a brocade band at its centre. Monteyne has hypothesised that such items play a symbolic role in Hollar's work:

"The fur muff in these etchings is shown to be an enigmatic entity, not only intersecting with issues

related to fetishism, eroticism and urban space in early modern London, but is also poised on a threshold between different economies of the object, between residual classical and medieval systems of representation and newly emergent anxieties about the commodity and exchange value.”

Bibliography

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