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212 A RARE AND SUPERB CASED SET OF FRENCH PERCUSSION DUELLING AND POCKET PISTOLS

Both pairs converted from flintlock. The rifled duelling pistols with 24.5cm. swamped octagonal twist barrels, 12mm. calibre, fitted with gold sights and decorated with gold lines, arrows and formal motifs, inscribed *Boutet et Fils à Versailles* and numbered 438, the locks finely engraved with game in a landscape, the hammers engraved with monsters, set triggers, half stocks with good figure, finely chequered butts with ebony caps and gold escutcheons, the furniture and mounts chiselled and engraved en suite; the pocket pistols with 2.3cm. engraved barrels, 14mm. calibre, inscribed *MANUF^{re} A VERSAILLES*, lock-cases inscribed *BOUTET DIRECTEUR ARTISTE* and finely engraved with game and foliage, sliding safety bolts, folding triggers, the butts inlaid with delicate silver mounts, in their rosewood case lined with green velvet and containing all original accessories, the patent spring lock with trefoil ward and finely cut and moulded key.

Early 19th Century. Case dimensions 46 by 31.5 by 8.3cm. (18 $\frac{1}{8}$ by 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ by 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.), no evidence of use.

BELLE ET RARISSIME CASSETTE NECESSAIRE À PISTOLETS DE DUEL ET DE POCHE À PERCUSSION TRANSFORMÉS, EN ÉTAT DE NEUF, FRANCE

100,000-150,000 FF

