



The Case History

It's not an antique, but Van Cleef & Arpels's **MINAUDIÈRE ETINCELLE** has the makings of a priceless heirloom. "It's a fabulous little piece, with all the signature elements of Art Deco design," enthuses Benoist Drut, of Maison Gerard, a leading dealer in fine French Art Deco furniture and objets d'art. There's the tie motif, picked out in diamonds, the wonderful white-gold-and-onyx sunburst, and the high-polished finish that gives the metal a vintage look. "Of course, I don't carry a cosmetic case around with me," adds Drut. "But if I did, I'd want this one."

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