

19TH CENTURY FRENCH PATINATED AND GILT SPELTER ROOSTER INKWELL DESK SET

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Decorate your desk or study with this elegant antique French figural inkwell, crafted circa 1870. The composition features a finely cast rooster perched atop a rustic fence, flanked by two cylindrical inkwell reservoirs with hinged lids, all set over a shaped tray base.

Executed in metal with a warm, rich brown patina, the piece is enhanced with subtle gilt accents highlighting the naturalistic foliage and ground decoration across the base. The sculptural rooster is particularly well rendered, with detailed plumage and a proud, alert stance that brings movement and character to the composition. The hinged covers open to reveal the original ink compartments, preserving both form and function.

The rooster, or coq gaulois, stands as an enduring symbol of France, evoking themes of vigilance, pride, and national identity, lending cultural depth to this decorative desk accessory.

This antique inkwell is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with a beautifully aged patina and light wear consistent with handling. A refined and quintessentially French piece, it would make a sophisticated addition to a writing table, library, or office.

Dimensions: 7.25"W x 5.5"D x 6.5"H

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