

19TH CENTURY, FRENCH SPELTER HUNTER FIGURE ON MARBLE BASE

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Decorate a gentleman's study or office with this antique figure. Sculpted in France, circa 1880, the spelter statue stands on a variegated beige marble base, and depicts a soldier in Louis XV clothing holding a gun in his left hand while scanning the horizon with his right hand. The statue done in the style of Moreau, is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns a rich patinated bronze finish. Hippolyte Francois Moreau (1832-1927), was a French sculptor famous for his bronze statues of people compositions. Born in Dijon, France, and son of the renowned sculptor Jean-Baptiste Moreau, he grew up learning from his father’s workshop. As a young man, Moreau moved to Paris to study further under Francois Jouffroy at the École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, first exhibiting at the Salon of French artists in 1863 and continuing to show work there until 1914. In both 1878 and 1900, he won medals for his work—large scale, decorative pieces such as vases and statuettes—at the Universal Exposition in Paris. Among his notable sculptures is his 1880 statue of the celebrated French mathematician Alexis Clairaut, which now permanently occupies one of the facades of the City Hall of Paris. He died in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, and today many of his works are collected in the Museum of Fine Arts in Dijon. Measures: 7"W x 7"D x 17"H.

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