



19TH CENTURY FRENCH PAINTED FAIENCE PORQUIER BEAU QUIMPER DIPPING COMPOTE

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Serve chips and salsa, or even queso, in this exquisite antique dipping compote dish. Crafted in Brittany, France, circa 1890, this hand-painted faience dish features a charming clover shape with elegantly scalloped edges. Designed for both beauty and functionality, it offers a spacious main bowl for chips, crackers, or fruit, while the smaller dip bowl is ideal for holding your favorite sauces, garnishes, or spreads. At the center, a delicately painted scene depicts a woman in traditional Breton attire sewing and mending clothes, surrounded by intricate green ivy arabesque motifs along the rim. The colorful platter is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and is marked with the crossed PB stamp underfoot (for Porquier-Beau) and the following word "Fouesant" (small town near Quimper). Practical and useful, this decorative piece would make an outstanding addition to your porcelain collection. Quimper pottery has a long, impressive history. Tin-glazed, hand painted pottery has been made in Quimper, France since the late seventeenth century. The earliest firm, founded in 1685 by Jean Baptiste Bousquet, was known as HB Quimper. Another firm, founded in 1772 by Francois Eloury, was known as Porquier. The third firm, founded by Guillaume Dumaine in 1778, was known as HR or Henriot Quimper. All three firms made similar pottery decorated with designs of Breton peasants and maritime and flower motifs. The Eloury (Porquier) and Dumaine (Henriot) firms merged in 1913. Bousquet (HB) merged with the others in 1968. The group was sold to a United States family in 1984. More changes followed, and in 2011 Jean-Pierre Le Goff became the owner and the name was changed to Henriot-Quimper. The French firm has been called Societe Nouvelle des Faienceries de Quimper HB Henriot since March 1984. Pottery was made in Quimper when the city was part of the Roman Empire, long before tin-glazed pottery was being made. Measures: 9.25" W x 9.25" D x 4.5" H.