

# **Fabergé Smoking Accessories: Materials and Techniques of an Art Form**

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# Diary of Olga Romanov (1895-1918)



Alexis

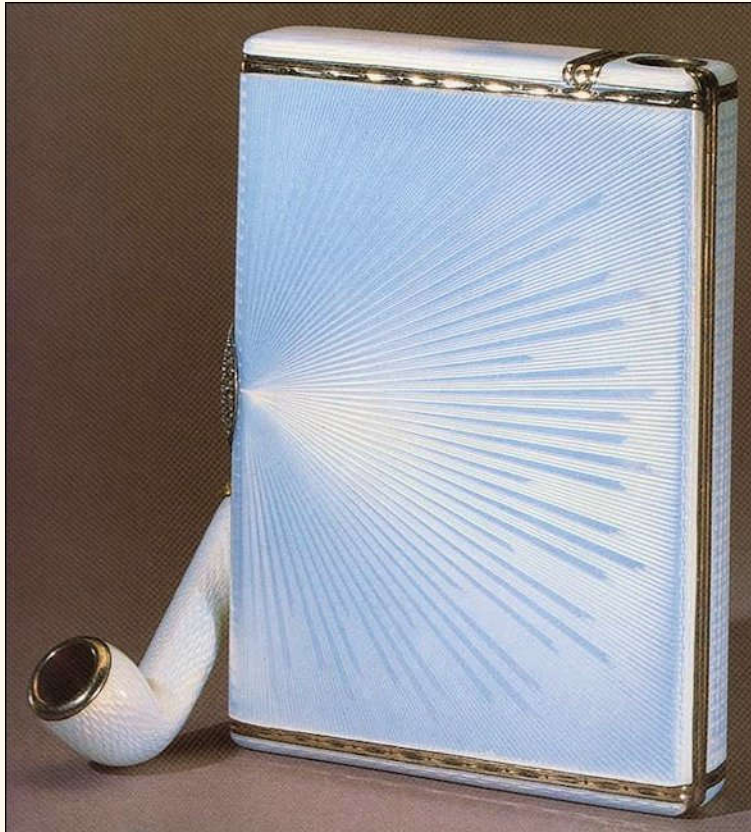
“Monday. 27  
May [1913].  
On the train.  
After dinner [I]  
sat with  
Mama,  
smoked...”

“Saturday. 27 July...  
Played cards and  
smoked.”



Maria & Nicholas II

“Sunday. 15 September...  
We smoked and worked,  
Mama too...”



Cigarette Case with  
Holder, A\*H 2



Anastasia & Nicholas II 1



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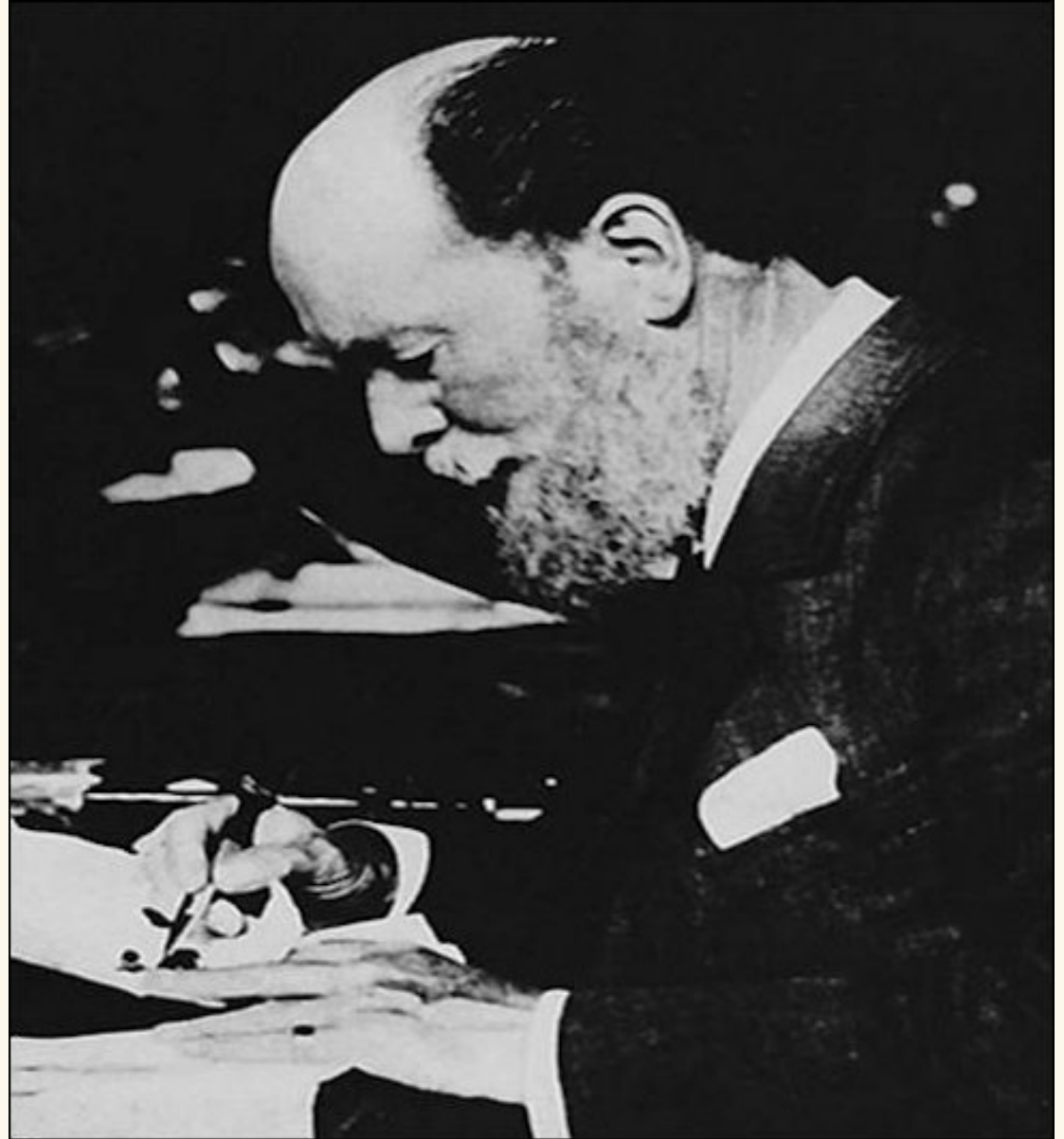




The authors wish to remind you -  
Smoking is bad for your health! 3



St. Petersburg  
Fabergé Shop 4



Carl Fabergé 1842-1920 4

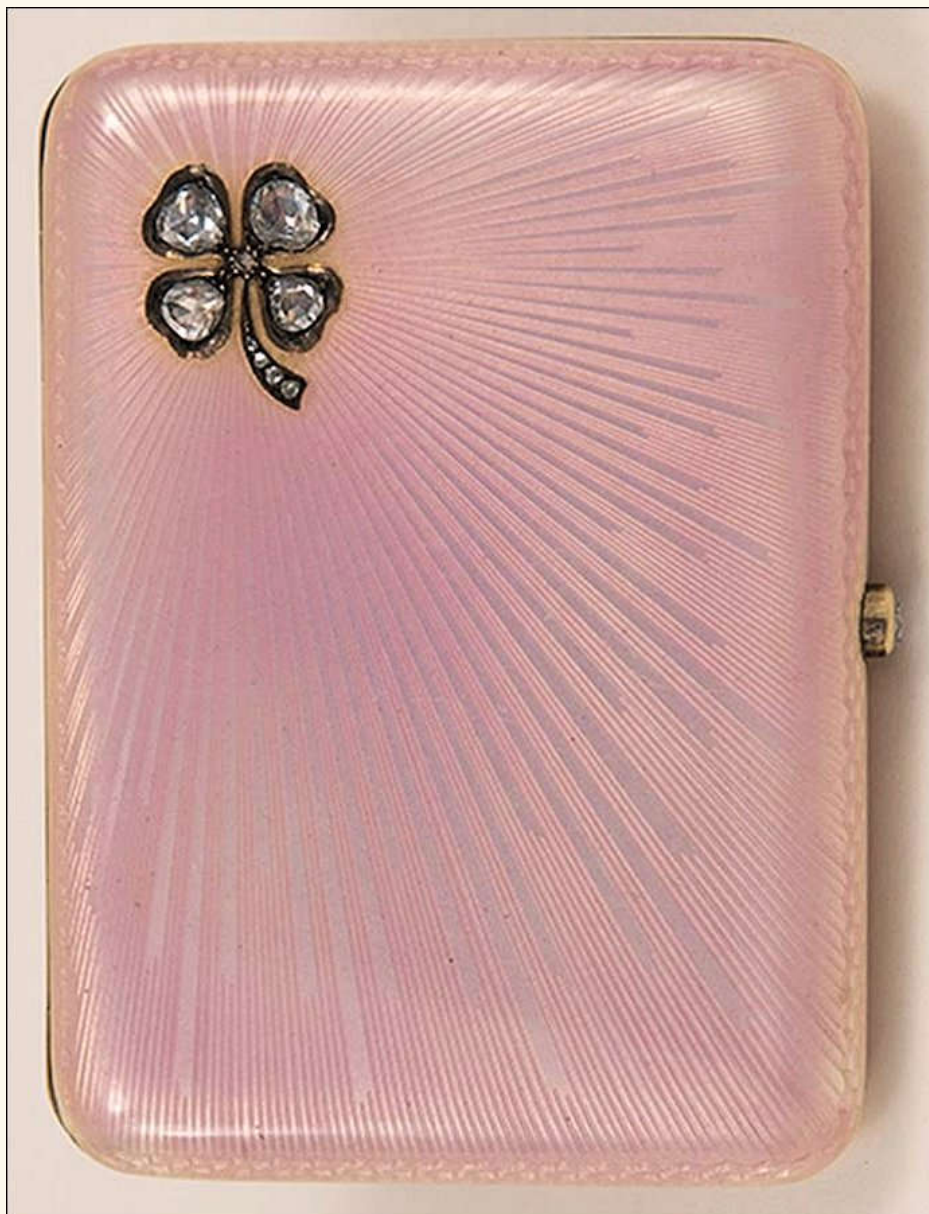


Henrik Wigström (third from left)  
Mikhail Perkhin (rear of the  
workshop) 1902-1903 4

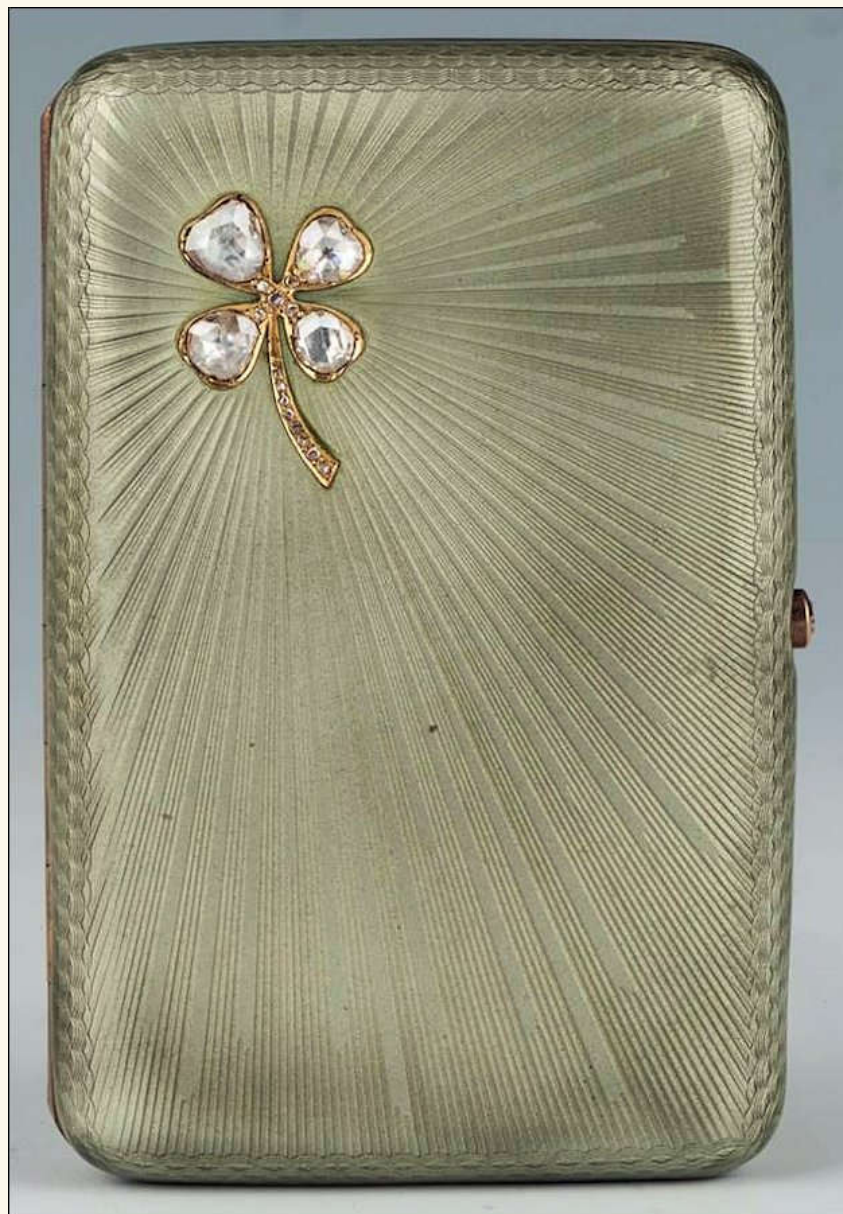
“...10 men were concentrated on producing nothing but cigarette cases. Some were engraved by hand, others engine-turned....

At times there were a good 40 cases waiting in our engravers' line.”



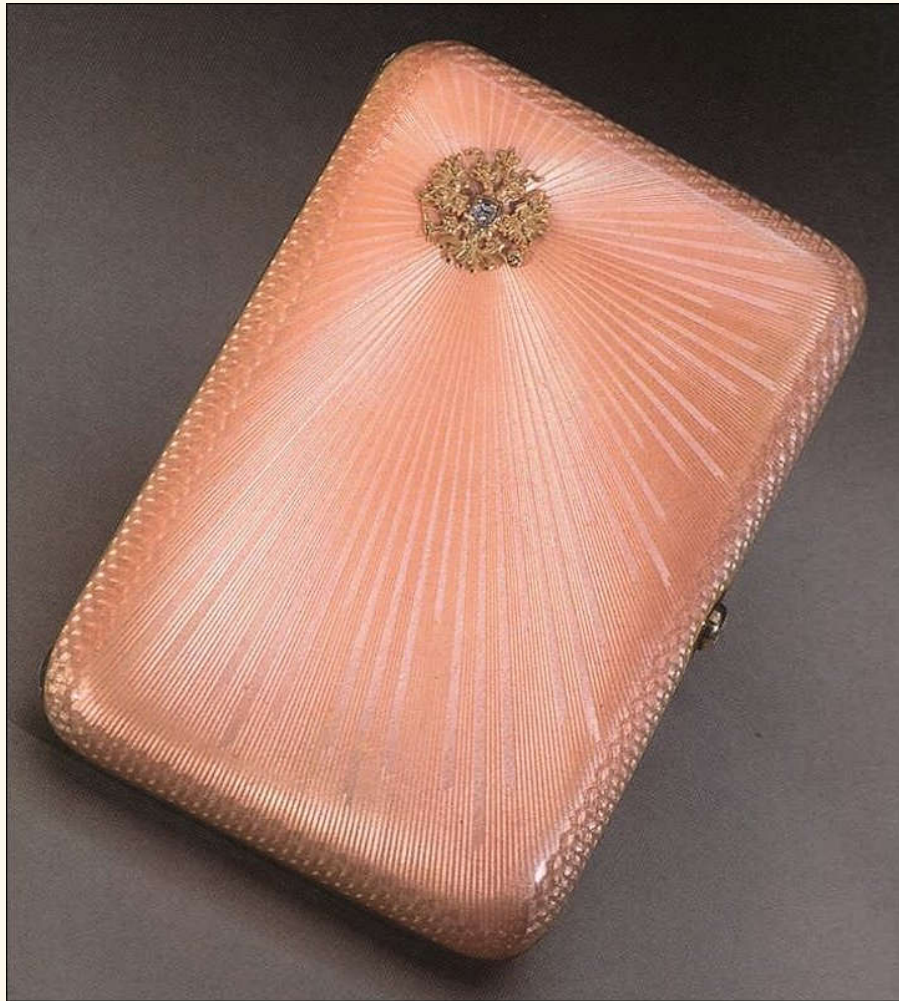


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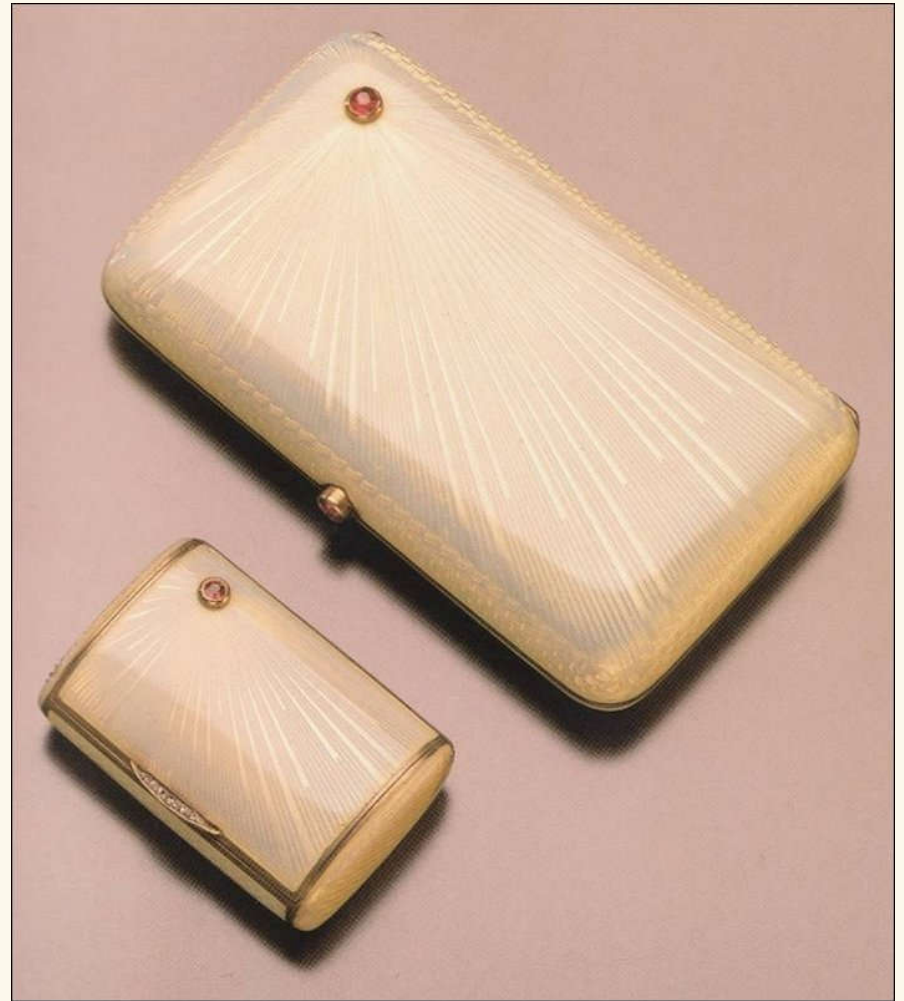


A\*H 5





A\*H 2



AH 2

# Cigarette Case Evolution



Tinder Cord & Vesta Compartment  
Sizes 3-4" Long, A\*H





Striker Plate &  
Push Piece, GN



AH



Nephrite, МП



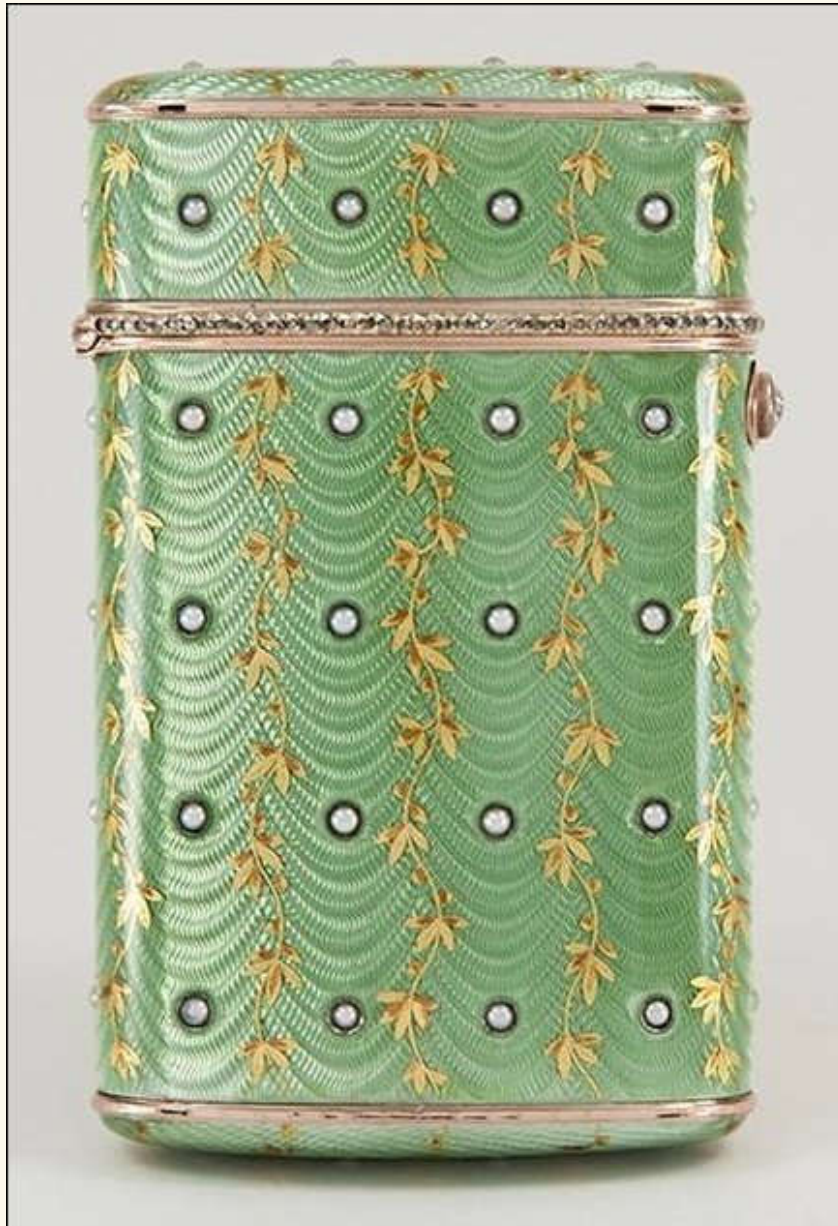
Engraved "From Victoria 1933", H.W.



# Styles



Striker Plate Cap & Cigarette Holder, H.W.



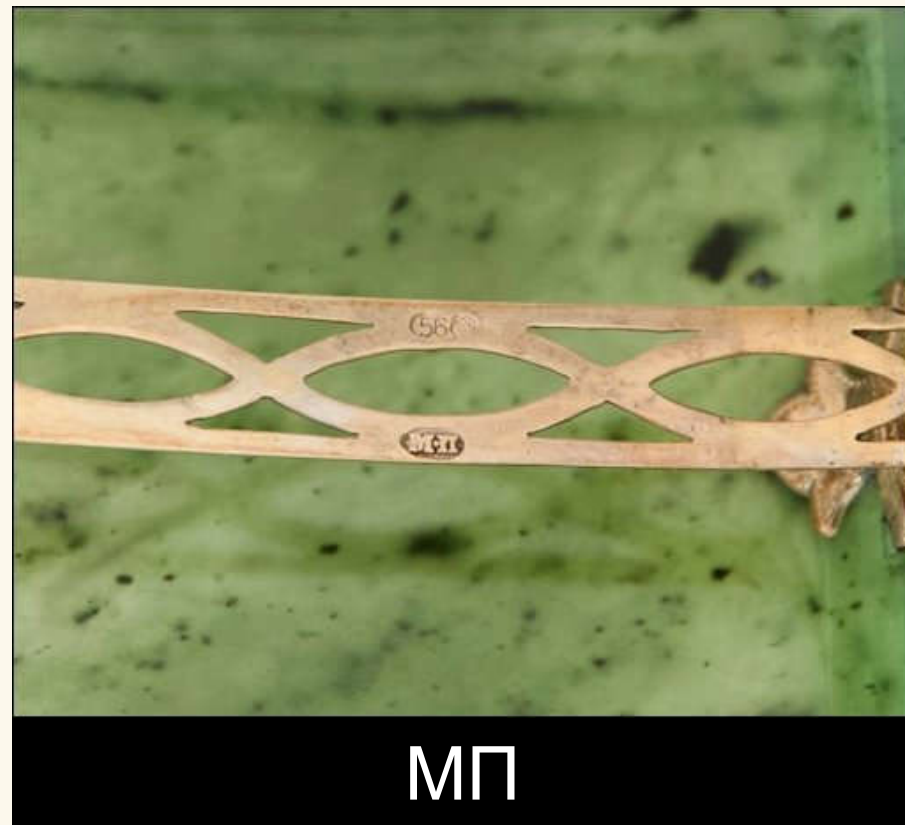
H.W.



Henrik Wigström (Active 1903-1917)  
Lady's Cigarette Case, H.W.

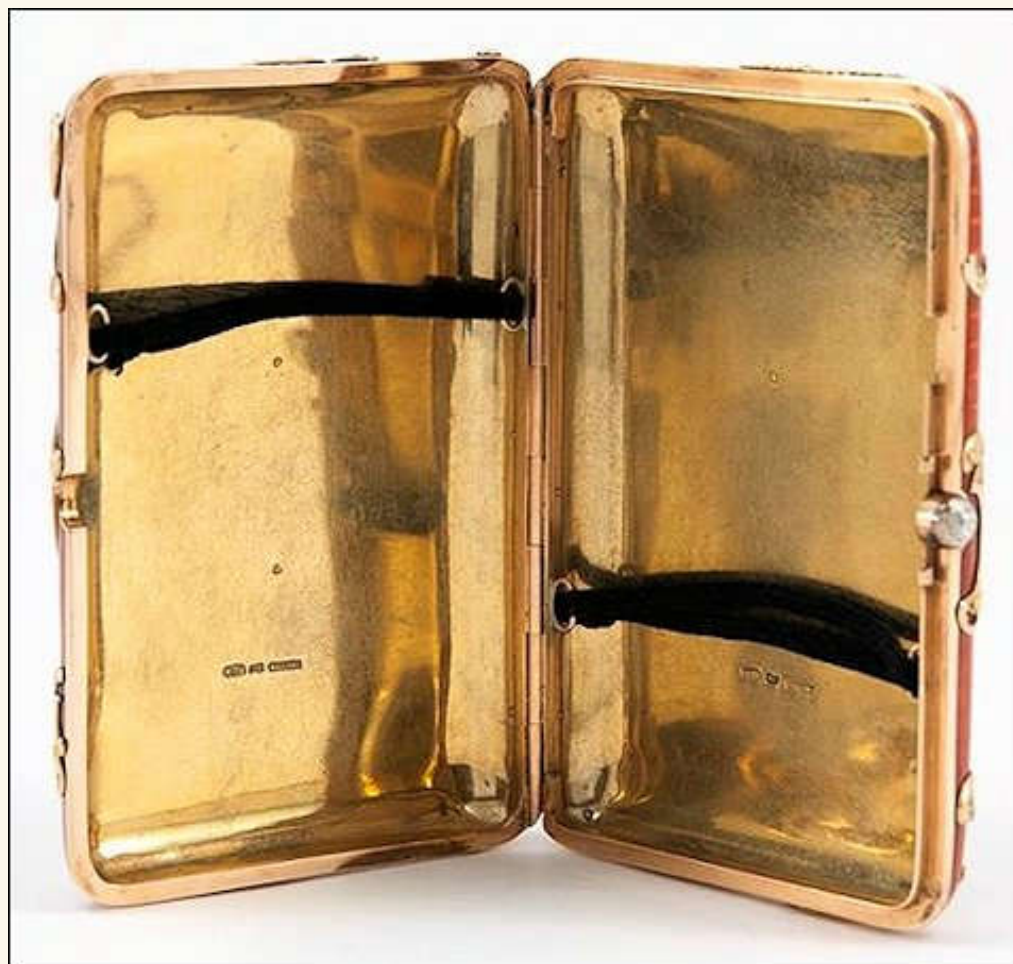


# Holding Bars





Design Sketch, H.W. 6



Elastic Bands, МП

# Hinges



Design Sketch, H.W. 6



МП



# Materials and Techniques

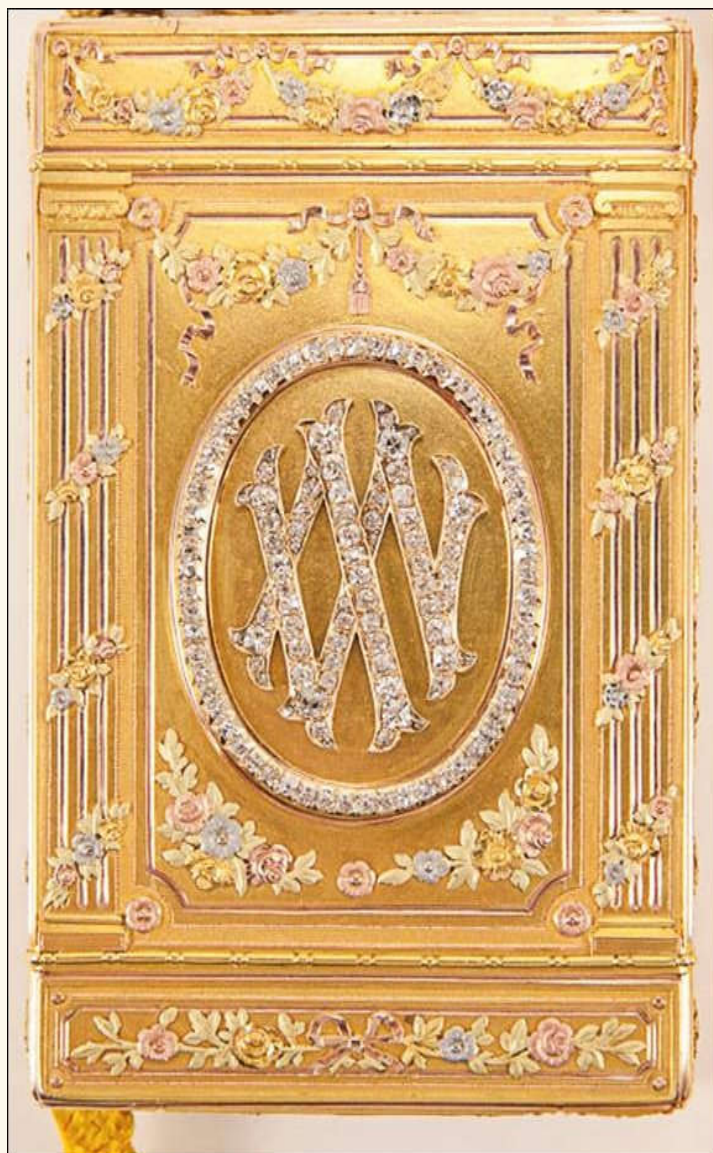


Gold: Samorodok, AH



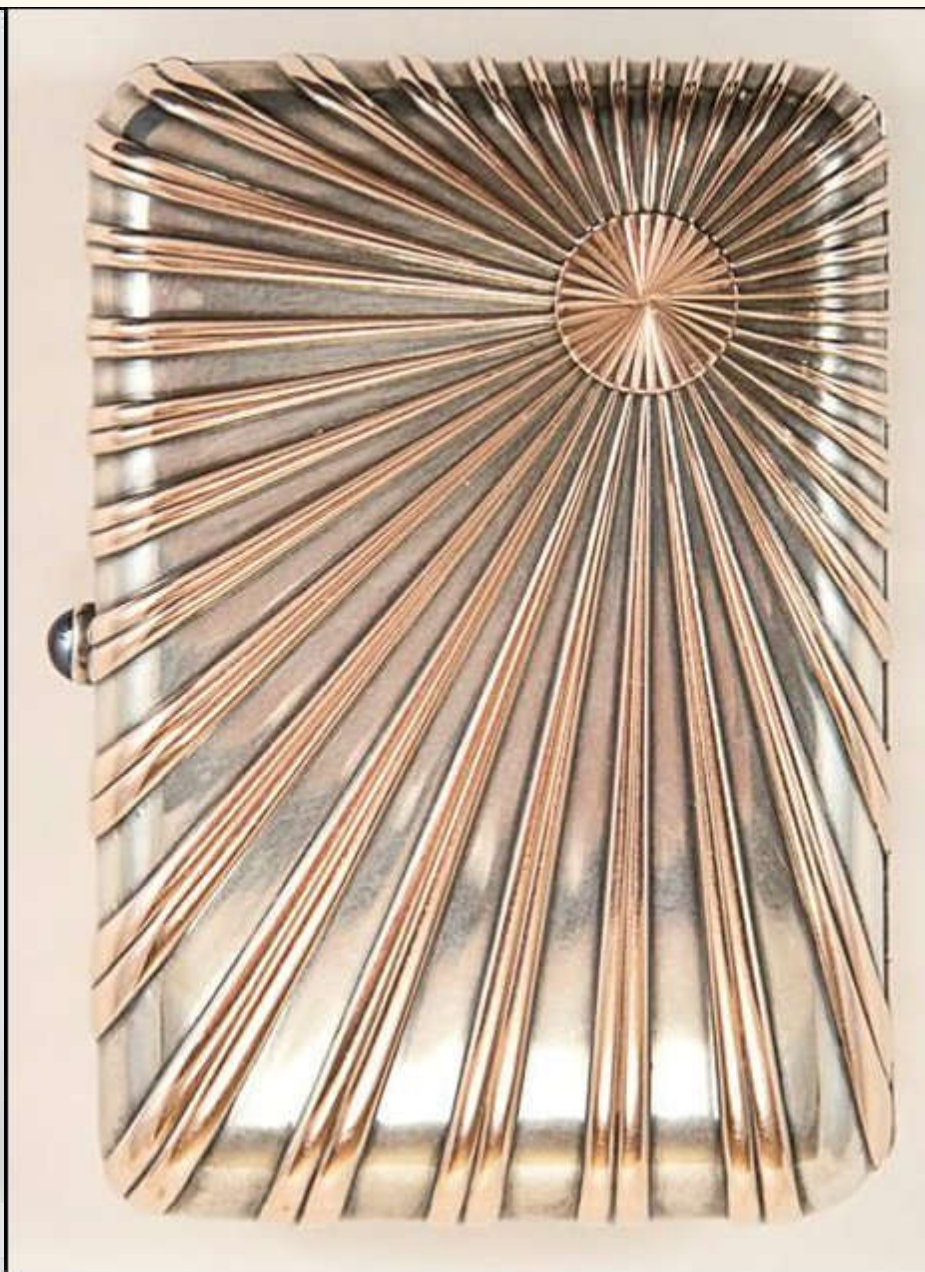
Gold: Hammered, AH





Gold: Four-Color, AH





Gold - Silver: Reeding, A\*H & MΠ





Gold - Silver: Reeding, AN



Gold - Silver: Repoussé, Table Silver Box  
7 7/8" Long, Moscow





Gold - Silver: Repoussé, Cigar Case, 6 7/8" Long,  
Moscow, Cigarette Case, AΓ



Gold - Silver: Chasing & Engraving in Progress 4  
Cig Case, H.W.





Gold - Silver: Chasing, Cigar & Cig Cases  
Moscow & H.W.





Gold - Silver: Embossing & Engraving, МП





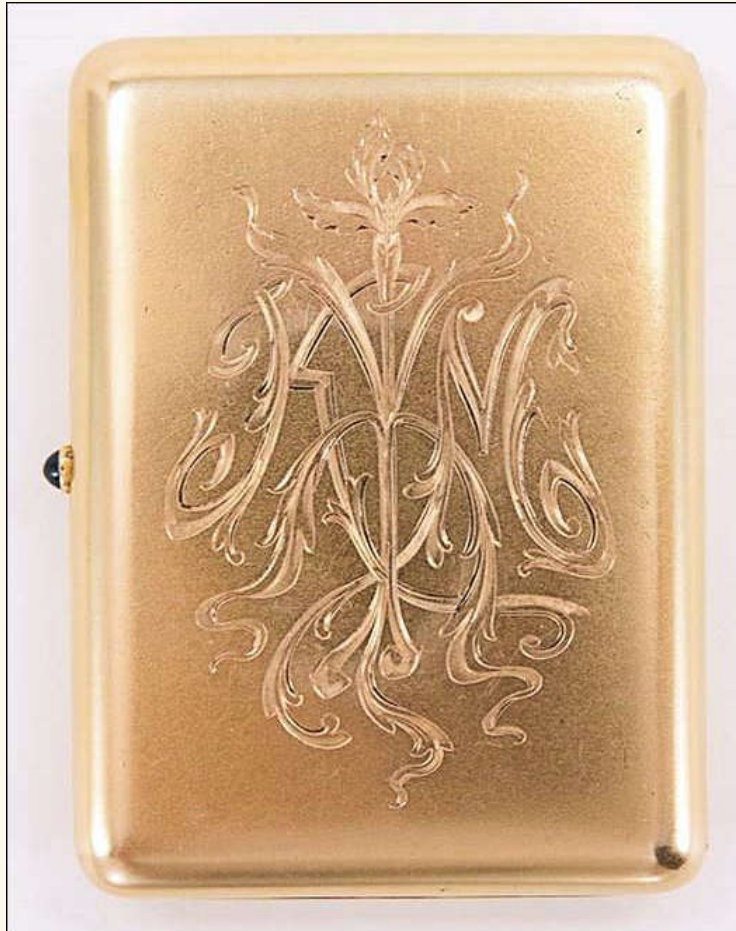
“Tobacco for Soldiers - Thank You (in the Smoke)  
Donate 20-21 May” Silver - Copper - Brass:  
Embossing 3, 2





Embossing, Brass, "War 1914-1915 K. Faberge"

# Hand and Machine Engraving



Hand Engraving:  
Monogram "KM",  
Moscow



Machine: H.W.





Pantograph Machine 7





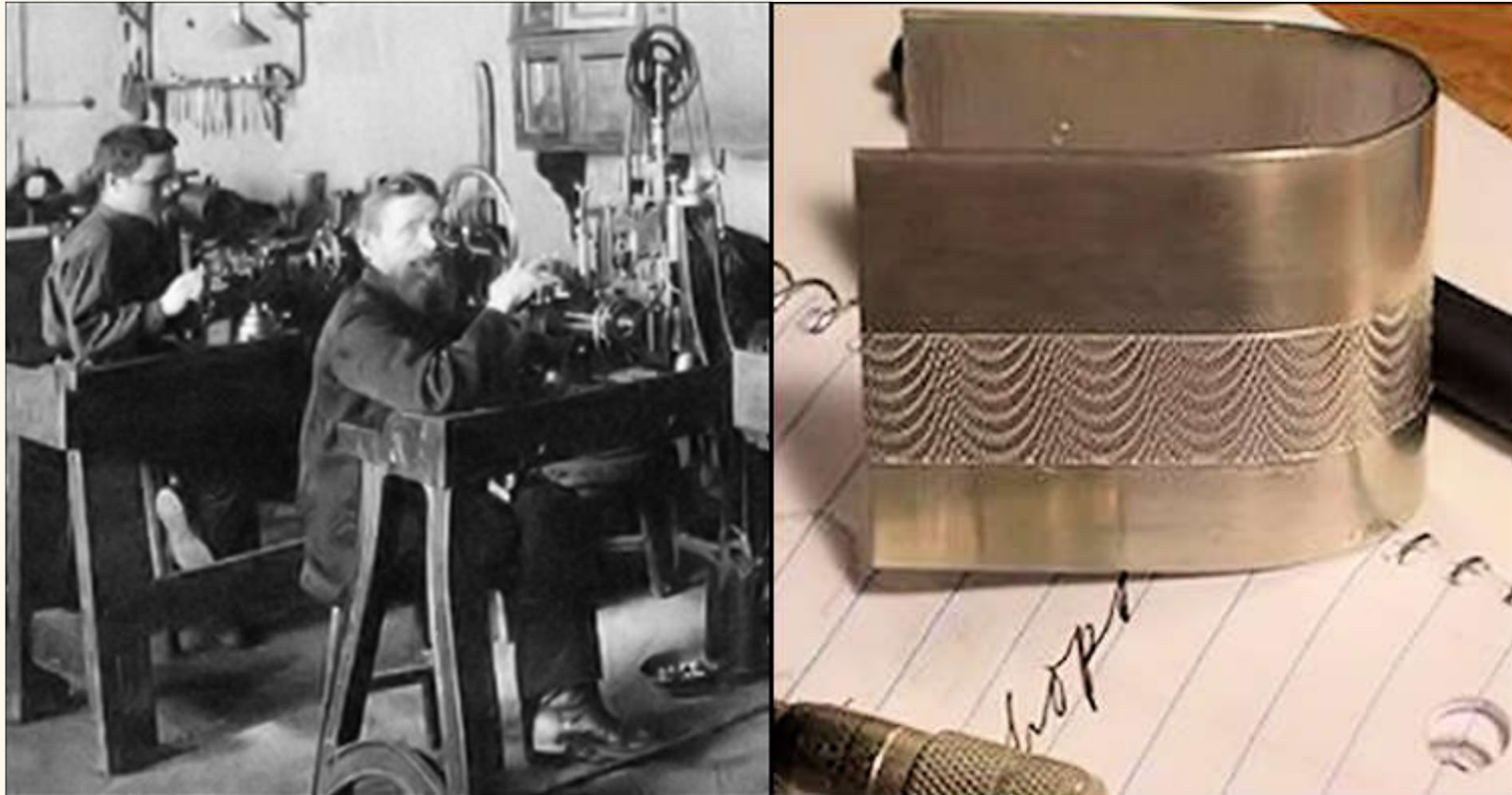
Hand, Eagle - Machine, Background, H.W.





Engraving: Lady's Cigarette Case,  
3 3/8" High x 2 1/4" Wide, H.W.

# Engine Turning

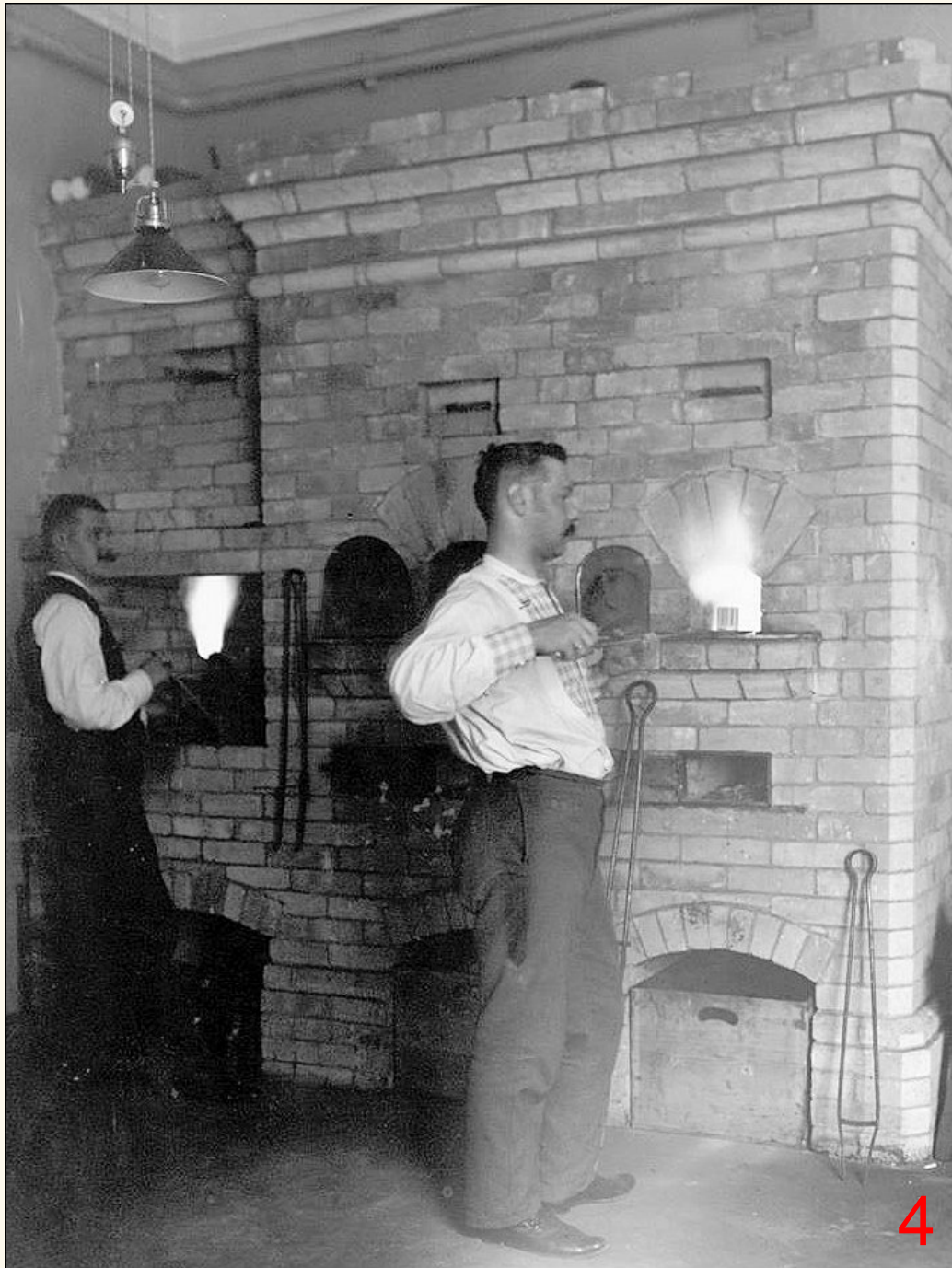


Fabergé's Engine Turning Machine & Guilloché  
before Enameling 4, 8



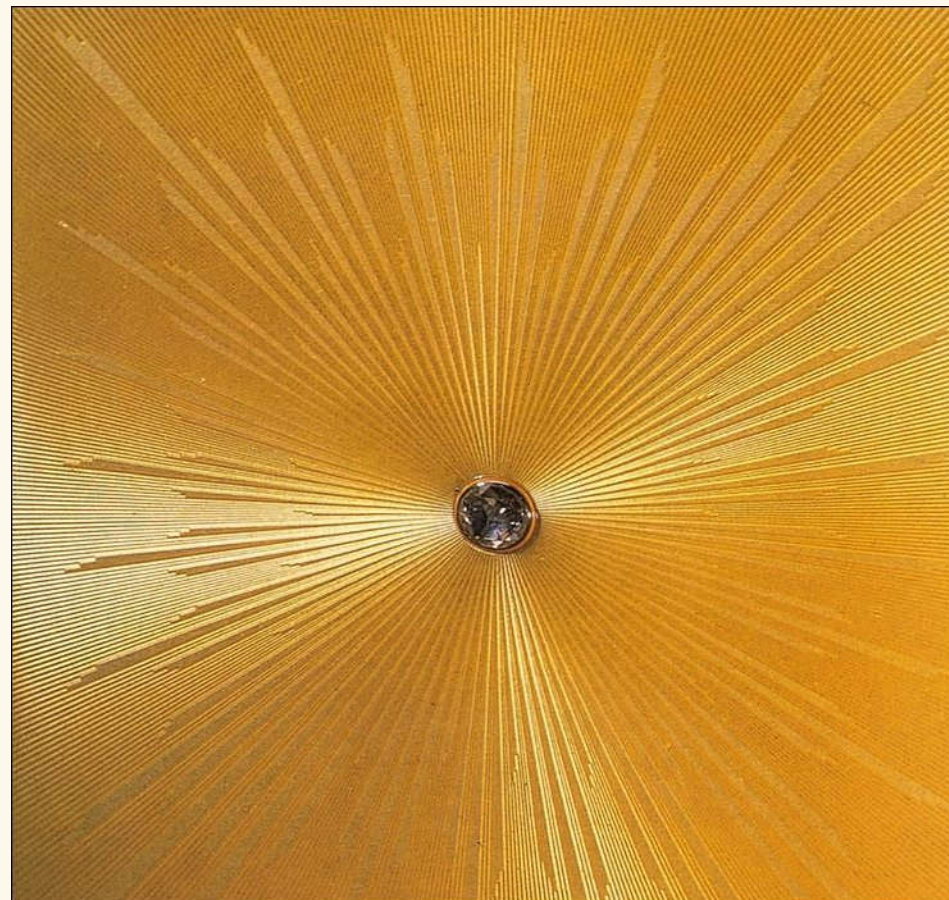
# Enameling Process

A compound of powdered glass and metal oxides, fired in a kiln at temperatures of 750-850° C (1380-1560° F)









Guilloché Enamel, A\*H & H.W. 2





Guilloché Enamel, AH & H.W.



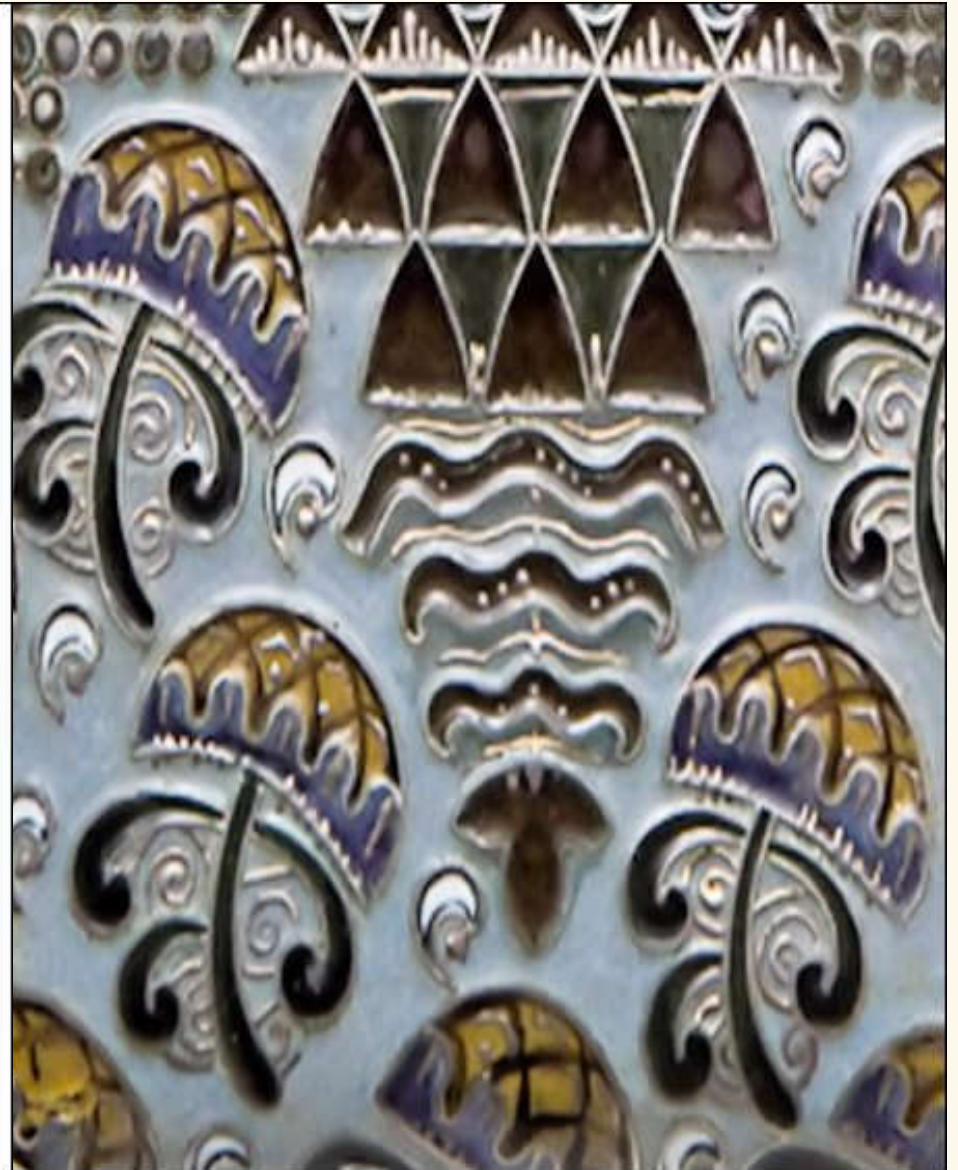
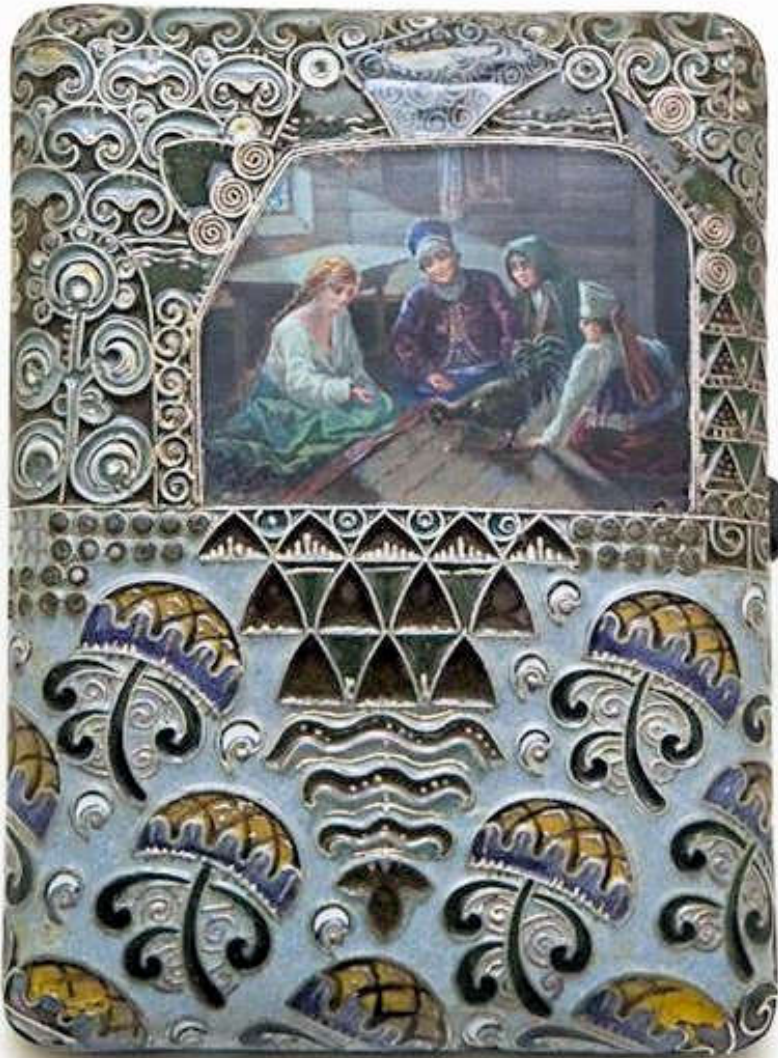


Champlevé Enamel, H.W. & Moscow



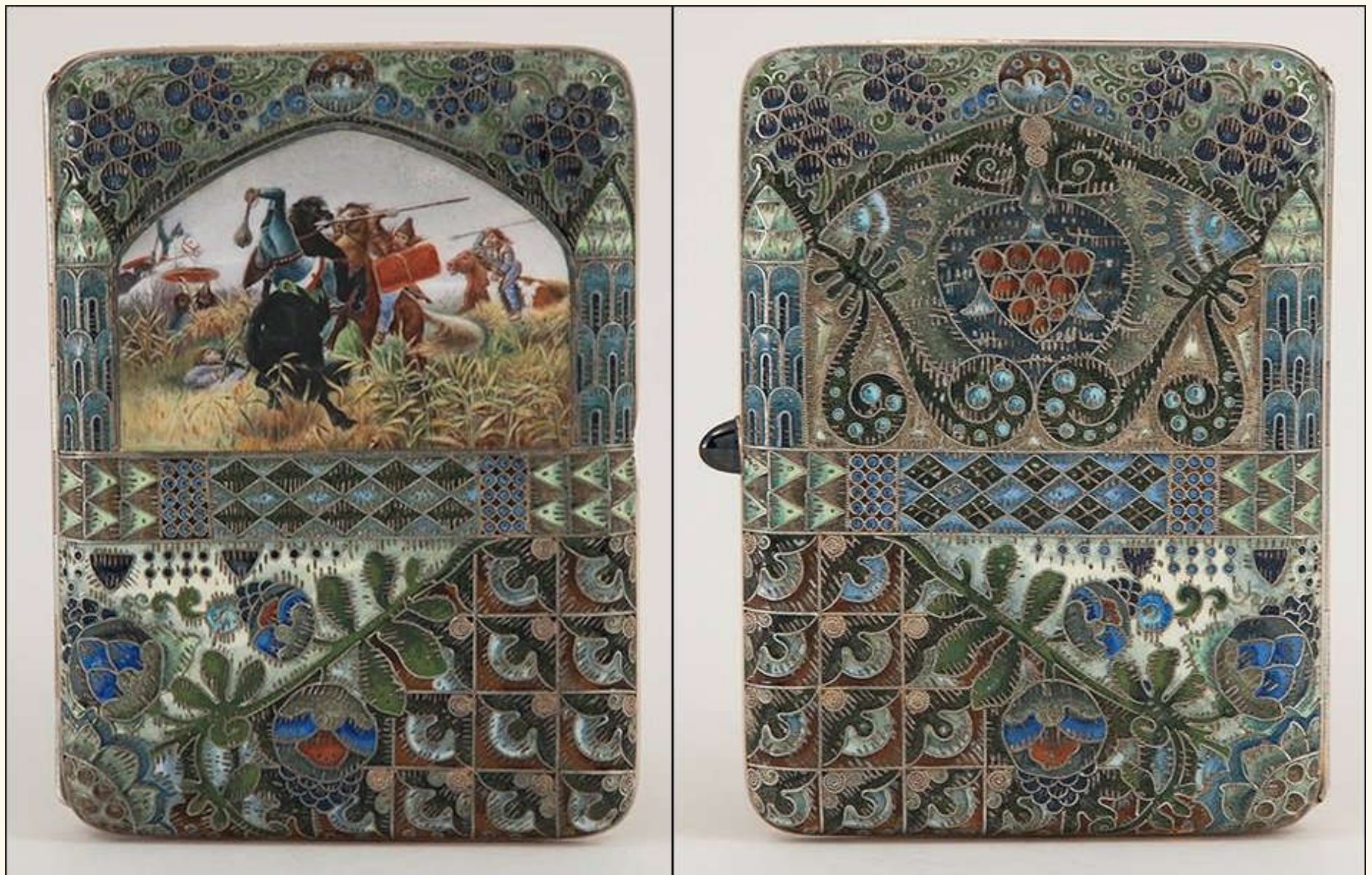
Champlevé Enamel, CB at  
Jeweler Carl Hahn & H.W.





Cloisonné Enamel, Attributed to Feodor Rückert





Cloisonné Enamel, Attributed to Feodor Rückert





CB at Jeweler Carl Hahn & H.W.

# Appliqué



Mikhail Perkhin (Active 1886-1903)  
Master of the Rococo Revival Style





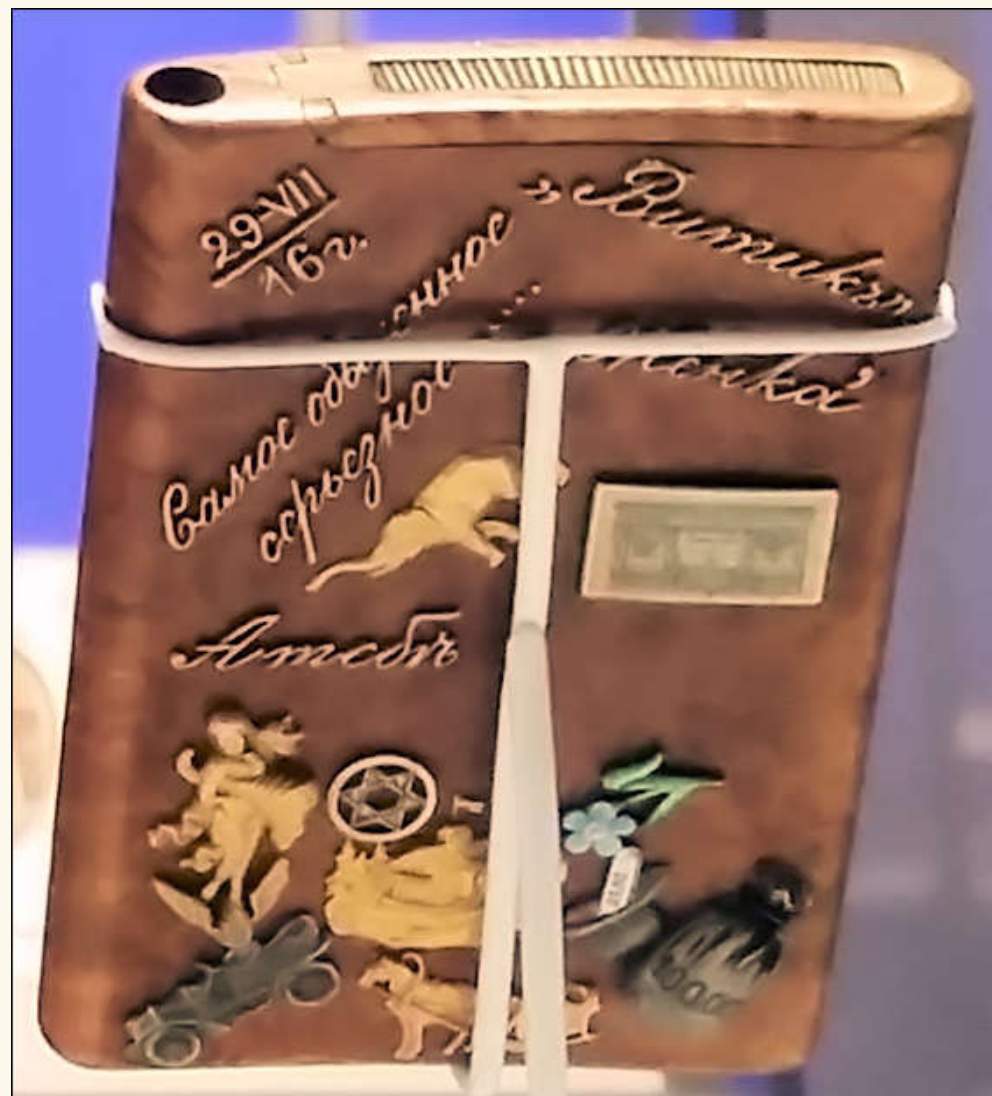
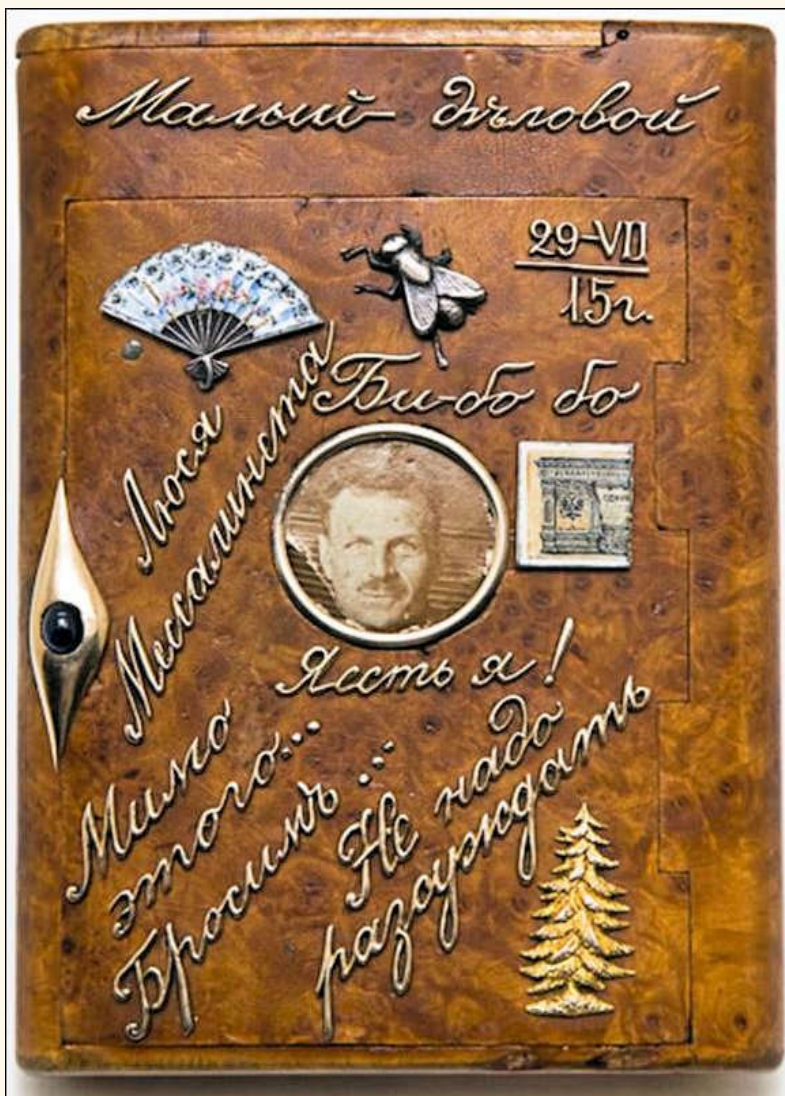
Appliqué with Posts on the Verso, AH





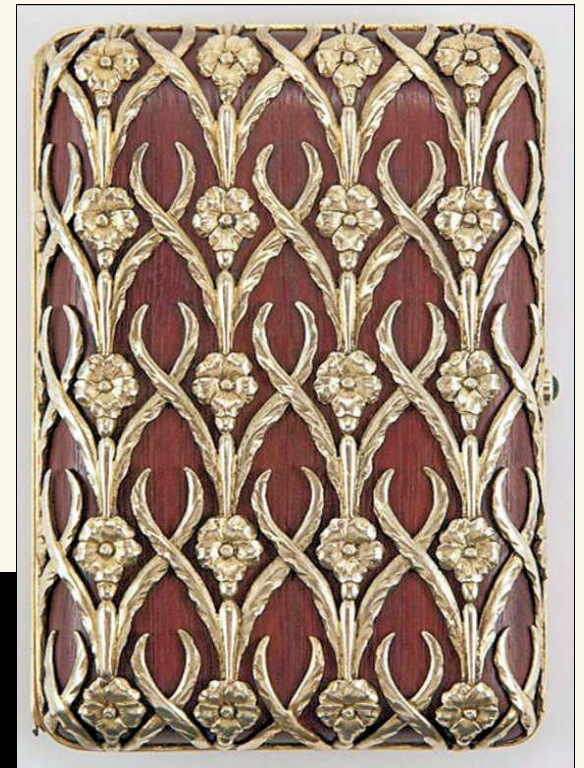
Appliqué, “MM” Monogram, Moscow & H.W.





Appliqué, Karelian Birch, World War I Souvenir Case  
(10 right)





Appliqué, Palisander Wood  
BA & MΠ





Appliqué, Match Holder, Sandstone, I.P.

# Lighters & Vesta Cases

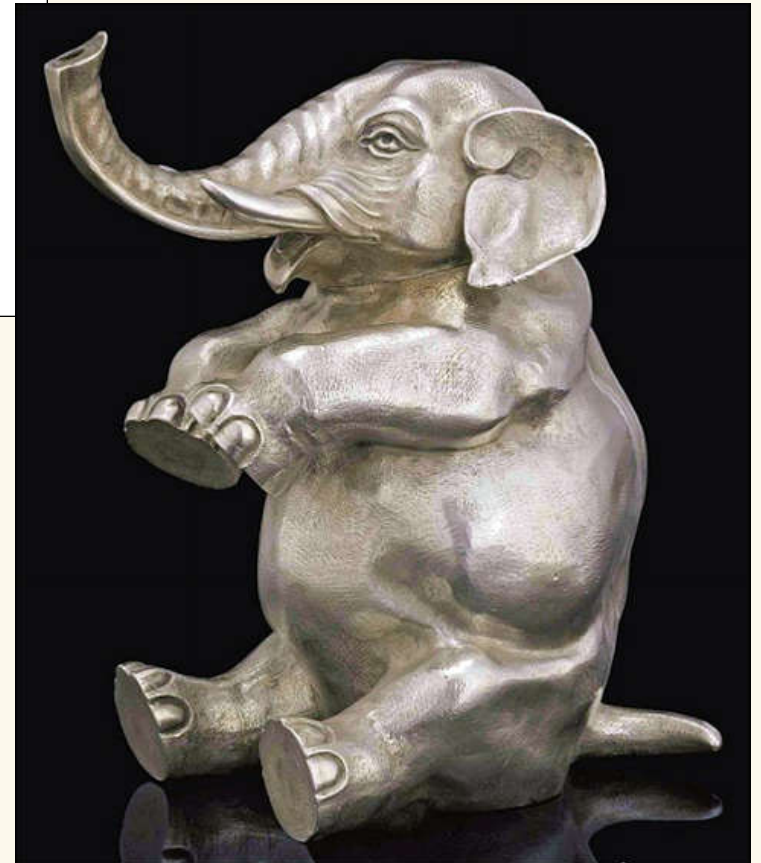


“Cannon Ball” Cigarette Advertisement 3





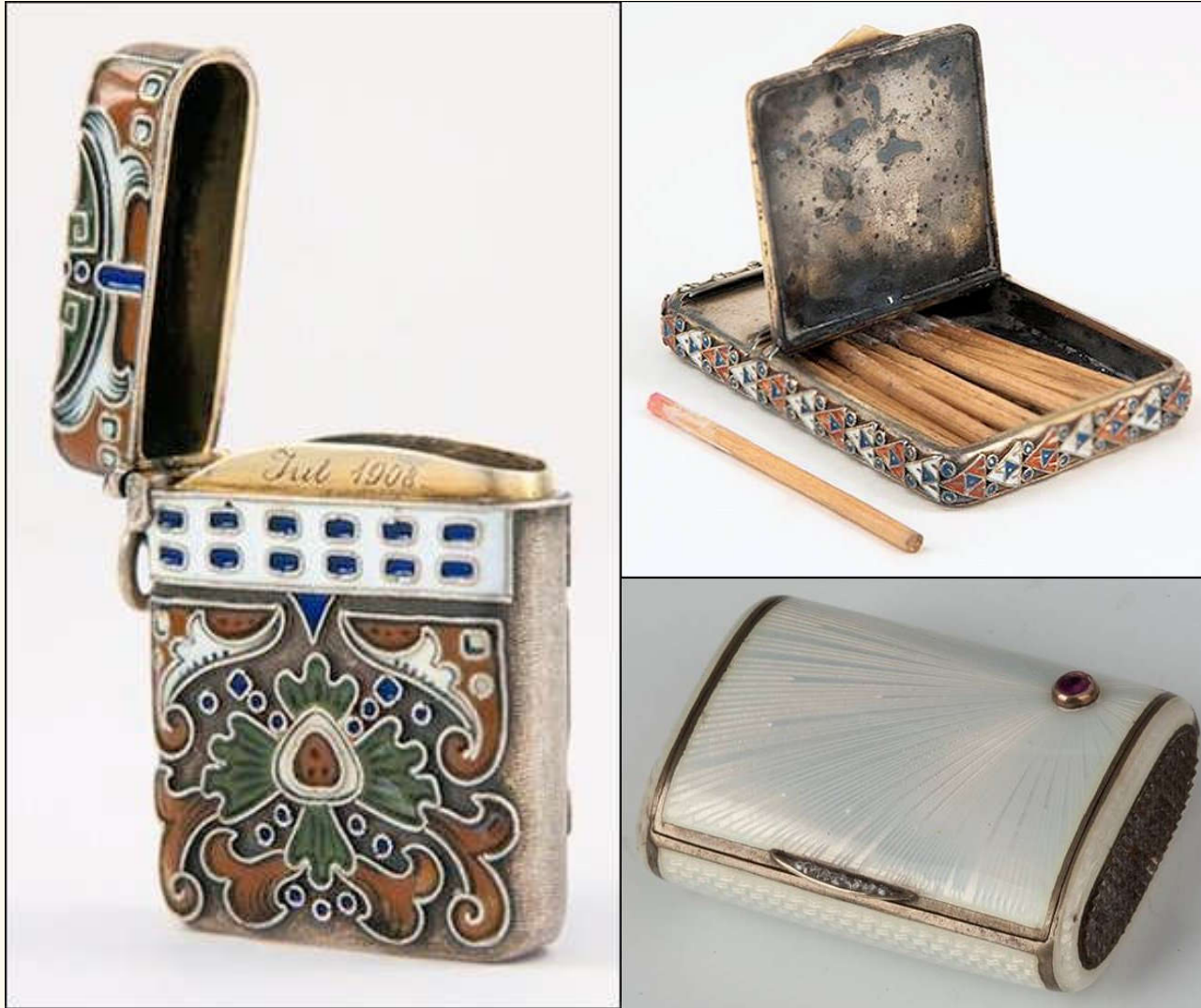
Lighter, Ceramic, AN



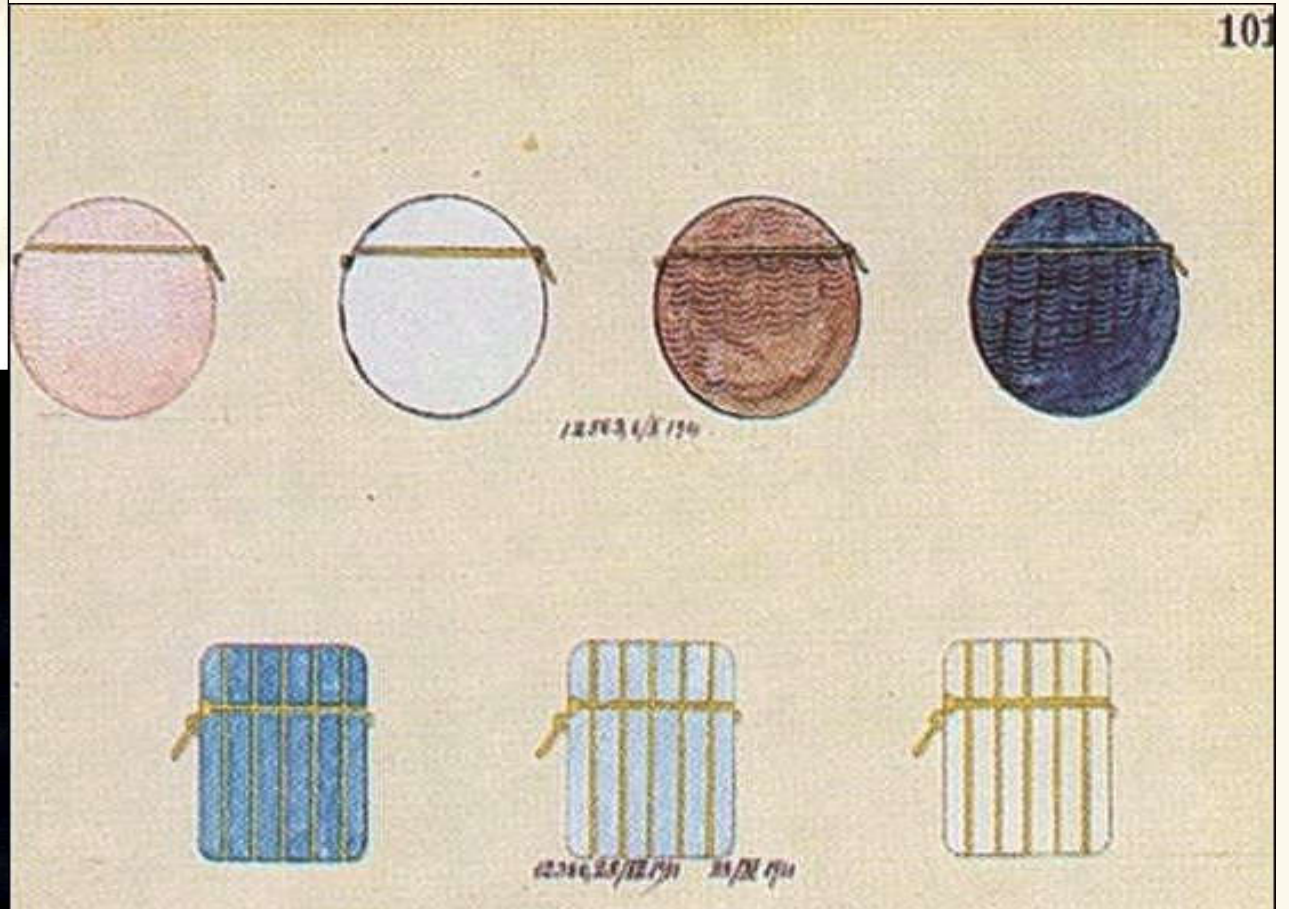
Whimsical Animal Lighters, I.P.  
*Faberge Research Newsletter*,  
Spring 2016 11



# Vesta or Match Case Styles



Attributed to Feodor Rückert & AH 5



Vesta Cases with Design Sketches, H.W. 6





Match Holder, Sandstone  
AN



Personal Lighter, BC





# Historical Connections



Gift from Alexandra to Nicholas II  
Birth of Tatiana in 1897, AH



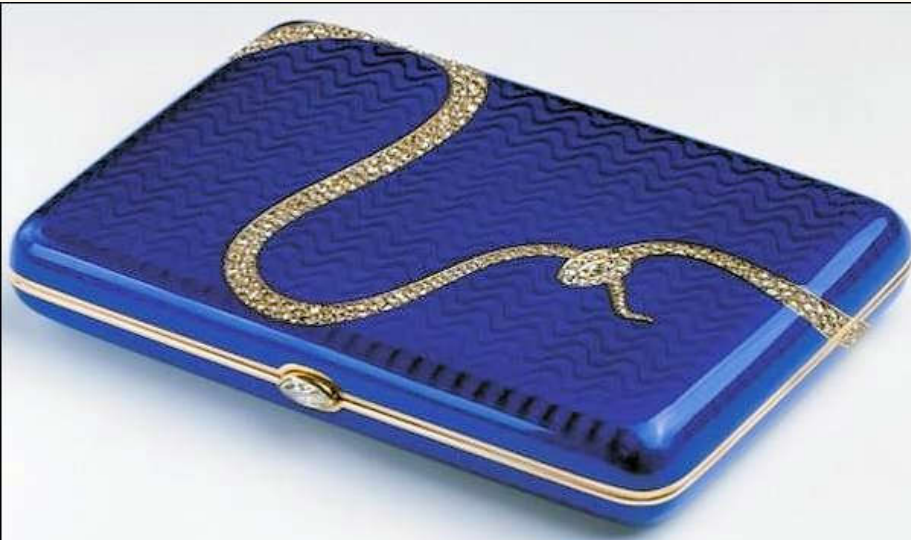


Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich's  
32nd Birthday Gift in 1898  
(Archival Research Courtesy of Galina Korneva)



Cigar Cutter from Lord  
Revelstoke (1863-1929)  
to King Edward VII  
(1841-1910) H.W. 12, 13



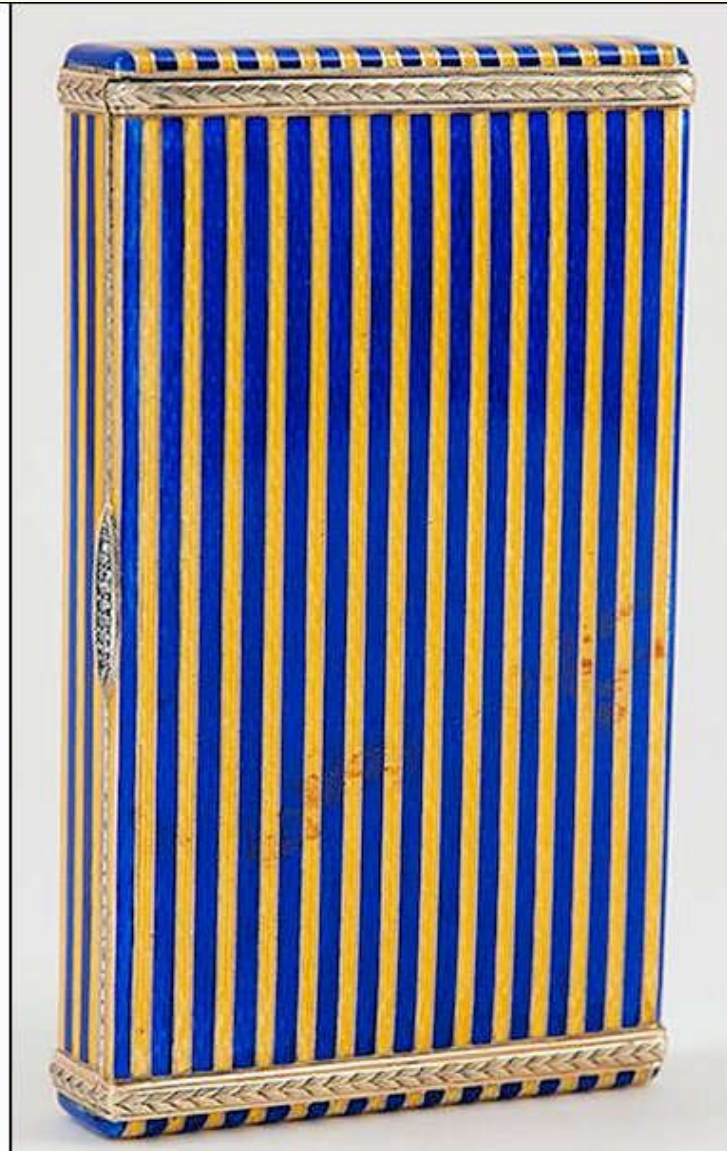


King Edward's VII Smoking  
Accessories Collection 14, 15



Persimmon (1896 Derby Winner) vs. St. Frusquin 16





Leopold de Rothschild (1845-1917) 17  
Racing Colors Cig Case, H.W.



Design Sketch 6  
Vesta Case, Rothschild Racing Colors, H.W.





Allen & Ginter Cigarettes Trading Card, "Racing Colors of the World," 1888, Baron de Rothschild. 18, 19



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