

Rare Medal of the Duke of Yorks Bagnio. Circa 1667.

£550



Description

Interesting and rare medal of the Duke of Yorks Bagnio. Executed in circa. 1667 as a silver entry ticket with a brass plug on the reverse.

Obverse: An oval vapour bath supported by columns, with an attendant carrying out the shampooing process. Legend THE DUKES BAGNIO IN LONG ACRE: TUESDAY FRIDAY. WOMEN.

Reverse: A crowned cypher with the initials JDY for James, Duke of York, engraved upon a brass plug which was let into the centre of a silver medal. The outside silver part of the reverse is stamped HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE on a Garter.

The Dukes Bagnio was so called by express permission of the Duke of York to Sir William Jennings, the only undertaker of this new building.

The Bagnio was built in Long Acre on the site of the Salisbury stables, for sweating, bathing, washing etc.

The water was medicated or perfumed and all the processes of shampooing were performed.

Men were admitted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and women on Tuesdays and Fridays only.

In 1683 a book was published by Dr Samuel Haworth entitled A Description of the Duke Bagnio and of the Mineral Bath and new Spa thereto belonging.

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Dimension: 1 inch (2.5cm)