James I/Charles I Silver Bodkin. Circa 1620

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Description

Rare and early James I/Charles I Silver Bodkin.

Circa 1620.

The slit on the bodkin is decorated above and below with a Tudor Rose and the owners mark AR is engraved beneath the decoration.

Bodkins were used to thread bands of yarn/ribbon through all types of clothing including corsets, the yarn was threaded through the rectangular slit. They could also make holes in leather as well as being utilised as a needle. They were usually hung up on a belt using the small eye. The small hollow at the non-tapered end is believed to have been used to pick wax out of the ear, this was used for smoothing the thread for ease of use.

Length: 6.1 inches (15.5cm)

Weight: 0.41 troy ounces (12.75 grams)

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