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Cartridge-Case

Date

1888

Primary Maker

Sir Hiram Maxim

Medium

White metal, gilt

Description

Gilt and white metal pencil case in the form of a bullet. Inscribed: 'This cartridge case was fired from a Maxim Gun by HRH the Princess of Wales at the termination of the Wimbledon Meeting 1888.' Sir Hiram Stevens Maxim, inventor of the Maxim Gun, the first portable, fully automatic machine gun, cannily marketed his new invention by demonstrating it to members of the Royal Family and other celebrities. In 1888 Edward the Prince of Wales was given the opportunity to play with the gun. His wife, Princess Alexandra, was presented with a silver gilt Maxim gun bullet pencil case, which was engraved to