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Title Place Card Holders

Date mid 20th century

Primary Maker Karl Ens Porcelain Factory

Medium Mold-formed porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in blue, green, pink, yellow, and black

Description A pair of porcelain place card holders with gilding and overglaze enamels in blue, green, black, yellow, and pink. Each place card holder is shaped like a butterfly, with wings stretched up to hold the place cards, resting on a small, oval pad of porcelain. Each has a dark body and colorful wings with gilded antennae and six legs painted on the white porcelain pad. The butterflies each have a slightly different shape and very different coloring. The first place card holder (.a) has a butterfly with an elongated hind wing. The body and edges of the fore wings are painted blue, while most of the wings are colored pink. There are four circles of blue enamel on the wings of the butterfly. Gilding is applied to the edges of the wings and in a pattern over the blue and pink enamel. The second place card holder (.b) has a butterfly with a black body. The wings of the

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butterfly are of varying colors, from yellow near the body to green to blue near

the edge of the wings. There are four spots of blue, outlined in gilding on the

wings. Gilding is also applied to the edges of the wings and in a pattern over the

blue, green, and yellow enamel. The place card holders are in good condition.

Some yellowed paper is adhered to the underside of the left wing of the butterfly

on place card holder .a.

Dimensions Component (height x width x depth of place card holder .a): $1 \frac{3}{8} \times 1$

$\frac{3}{4} \times 2 \frac{3}{8}$ in. (3.5 x 4.4 x 6cm) Component (height x width x depth of place card

holder .b): $1 \frac{1}{8} \times 1 \frac{3}{4} \times 2 \frac{3}{8}$ in. (2.9 x 4.4 x 6cm)