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Title Reticule

Date 1824-1830

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched silk and cotton, with wool, cotton velveteen, emery, and silk

Description Drawstring bag constructed of printed silk ribbons; the front-central ecru satin ribbon is printed with a portrait of George Washington within an oval.

Above his portrait is printed, "PROPATRIA" and below is, "WASHINGTON /

BENEVOLENT / SOCIETY." Flanking this ribbon are two identical pale aqua

ribbons with picot edges, printed with a scene of agricultural implements (bee

skep, scythe, rake, etc...) in a landscape with a man plowing. This scene is set

within an oval medallion. At the top are ribbons printed with "HARTFORD

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY." Below is a garland with an olive branch and

an oak branch with acorns, tied together with a bow. On the reverse, an ecru silk

ribbon is printed with a decorative oval surrounding "Nous / vous aimons / LA

FAYETTE" ["We love you La Fayette"] (Revolutionary War hero General Lafayette

made a return visit to America in 1824, and many such commemorative items

were created to celebrate his tour). Flanking this ribbon are two identical pale

aqua ribbons with picot edges, printed with a circular medallion of a plow in a

landscape with a rising sun. At the top is printed "HART. CONN. AGRIC. SOC."

Below is "1817." The bag is decorated with silk bows in a matching color at each

bottom corner. The bag is lined with lightweight white cotton with a small

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woven pink grid. Mounted on a fine cotton cord is a red wool strawberry emery with yellow "seeds" made with stitches of silk, and a green velveteen leafy top.

The bag closes with a black cord drawstring.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of bag, excluding bows): 6 3/4 x 5in. (17.1 x 12.7cm) Other (height including bows): 7in. (17.8cm) Other (width including bows): 5 5/8in. (14.3cm)