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Title Lidded Biscuit Jar

Date 1892-1916

Primary Maker C. F. Monroe Company

Medium Pressed white glass with green, pink, red, white, and blue enamels;

silver-plated lid and handle

Description Cube-shaped, pressed white glass biscuit jar with a silver-plated lid,

with features and decoration influenced by the Aesthetic or Japanese styles of

the late nineteenth century. The biscuit jar (.a) is made of a translucent white

glass with a matte finish. The glass body of the jar has rounded edges and raised

scrolled decoration at the top edges, lower side edges, and along the bottom

edge of the sides. The center lower edge of each side has a raised oval

cartouche, also surrounded by raised scrolled decoration. Each side, between

the raised decoration, has different, fine, hand-painted floral decorations

consisting of delicate blue and purple flowers on green stems. The glass portion

of the jar has a wide circular opening in the top, which is fitted with an ornate

silver-plated rim. The rim is surrounded by a beaded edge, and medallions

anchor the rim to each corner of the jar. The rim is also fitted with a square

handle that is outlined with a beaded edge. The center of the handle has raised

beads inside a rectangular border with elaborately scrolled ends. A round lid (.b)

with a low, domed top fits into the rim. The lid has a mushroom-shaped finial in

the center, surrounded by raised decoration of scrolls and flowers. This is

surrounded by a relatively plain area. The edge of the lid has a border of very

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small, raised semi-circles. The edges of the biscuit jar where the handle rubs against the corner have several short, black marks. The silver-plate has tarnished slightly.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 7 1/2 x 4 3/4 x 4 3/4in.

(19.1 x 12.1 x 12.1cm)