

Basic Detail Report



Roman Denarius, Dioscuri

Date

c. 200 B.C.E

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Roman (Ancient)

Medium

Silver

Description

This serrated silver denarius depicts the helmeted head of Roma on its obverse. On its reverse, it depicts the Dioscuri on horseback, facing right, with the inscription ROMA. The Dioscuri were the twin sons of Zeus named Castor and Pollux. This coin is a part of the Paine Coin Collection. This teaching collection of 32 Greek and Roman coins was formed by John Alsop Paine (1840 – 1912), Class of 1859, who was an archaeologist with the Palestine

Exploration Society and a Curator in the Department of Casts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art from 1889 until 1906. The collection came to the college through John Alsop Paine's grandson, Nathaniel Emmons Paine (1853 – 1948), Class of 1874.

Dimensions

Diameter: 13/16 in. (2 cm)