



Roman sextans depicting Mercury

Date

400 B.C.E. - 300 B.C.E.

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Roman (Ancient)

Medium

Bronze

Description

On its obverse, this bronze sextans depicts Mercury, the Roman messenger god, wearing a winged pegasus facing right. On its reverse, it depicts a boat prow with the inscription ROMA. 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)