

## LIMBURG ANTIQUAIRS



A Chinese porcelain shaving bowl

Decorated in underglaze blue and a family verte floral decoration.

Two hanging holes on the top.

In the centre, a coat of arms with a climbing lion in a blue field on the left and a climbing lion in a gold field under a ducal crown on the right, with "Gelderlant" in the banner.

Above and below the coat of arms are butterflies, with a peony branch on either side.

On the rim are five cartouches with animals.

On the underside is a decoration with two peony branches.

The client sent the examples of the coats of arms, which were painted on the plates and shaving bowls in China.

Many more plates were produced than shaving bowls.

Shaving bowls are therefore less common and rarer.

China, Famille Verte, first quarter of the 18th century.

A shaving bowl was used when shaving the beard, by the barber or a servant.

The characteristic recess in the rim made it possible to place the bowl against the throat or neck to catch the water with shaving foam in the deep plate.

Shaving bowls were made of various materials such as copper, tin, earthenware and, in this case, porcelain.