



## **LETTER OPENER GUSTAV GURSCHNER CA. 1905**

**€4.900,00**

Large letter opener - paper knife, design Gustav Gurschner, circa 1905, bronze patinated, marked

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Among Jugendstil-collectors, Gustav Gurschner is best known for his bronze sculptures and objects with secessionist decoration. On this large letter opener, the frontside of the shaft is decorated with a Roman legionary. Gurschner draws the figure of the standing soldier in profile, finely working out its details like the helmet.

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