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**monin**  
PAIR OF ARMCHAIRS



France, Empire style

Dimensions:

H. 71 CM - L. 58 CM - P. 48 CM

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In 1812, when Queen Hortense was leading a « Quadrille des Incas ». In this ballet inspired by the eponymous novel by Marmontel, the queen was dressed as the sun high priestess wearing a « diadème de plumes de cacatoès, devant chacune desquelles une gerbe de diamants lançait ses feux ».

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An armchair of the same model figured in the interior designer Henri Samuel's apartment rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré (illustrated in A. Bony, *Meubles et décors des années 70*, Paris, 2005, p. 150).

More recently, two pairs of stools of the same design were sold on the auction sale of the Pierre Berger collection in Sotheby's in the October 2018, under the lots 468 and 468A for 87 000 € one and 137 000 € the other.