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Form: Circular. Gilded copper metal shell over cardboard. Holed at 12 o'clock for a metal bar to a narrow red-white-blue ribbon by a crowned pin-bar marked: "CRADOCK".

By: H. Grueber, London

Date: 1902

Ref: AM2: 82A; Laidlaw: 0340b;

Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	38.3 mm	Gilded Copper Metal Shell.	8.3 gm	\$45

Edge: Upright reeded.

Obverse: Conjugate crowned and robed busts of the King and Queen, right. Sprig of laurel below. Divided by the busts, across: "JUNE 26TH. (left) 1902 (right)". Signed: "H. GRUEBER LONDON" at the foot. Legend within a toothed border round the rim: "EDWARD.VII.ALEXANDRA.CROWNED".

Reverse: Coat of arms of Cradock flanked by ostrich plumes with cornucopia crest and motto: "PERSEVERANTIA VINCIT". Legend above on a band with beaded borders inside and outside: "TO COMMEMORATE THEIR MAJESTIES CORONATION" below between stops: "JUNE 26TH. 1902".

Notes: Cradock is a town in, the then, Cape Colony, 290 northeast of Port Elizabeth. The town was found by Sir John Cradock during the Frontier War of 1812 as a stronghold to secure the eastern area of the Colony. In the early 1900s there was a boom in the demand for ostrich feathers leading to temporary prosperity.