

## AN IRISH PUZZLE



Fig. 16

A few years ago, Christopher Gilbert wrote a short article for the newsletter relating to a photograph (Fig. 16) supplied by Lawrence Talbot of McCartney's Salerooms, Ludlow. The late Regency box on a stand bears the impressed mark of Williams & Gibton on each side of the lock – details of this firm, which traded in Stafford Street, Dublin are

recorded in *Furniture History XXI (1985)* pp269–70, pls 25–28. The piece is made in plain mahogany without crossbanding and measures H.24"; W.13.5"; D. 7". The fitted interior is divided roughly into thirds: on the right are three tin plate cannisters with hinged lids and brass rings; the rest of the space is taken up by two tin plate troughs each with a perforated base and shallow sliding tray beneath to drain off fluid. It seems likely to be connected with the service of food or drink, but any information about its precise purpose would be welcomed by the editor.