

Lucretius' Appearance - Research into What He Looked Like

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More random stuff on the Munro ring--which I should probably start calling the Nott ring.

A book published in 2020 called *Engraved Gems and Propaganda in the Roman Republic and under Augustus* includes this under an index of ancient gems, reports it as 'whereabouts unknown', but sites a previous German work for details.

The German work is *Die antiken Gemmen* in two volumes by Adolf Furtwängler, published in 1900.



the gem:

And the second volume has this brief description:

4. Konvexer schwarzer Sard, ehemals Samml.
NOTT. Erw. Bull. d. Inst. 1831, 112, 78.
Kopf mit kurzem Vollbart. Beischrift LVCR

Which I gather means something like:

Quote

4. **Convex black Sard**, formerly of the Nott collection. [*Erw. Bull. d. Inst. 1831, 112, 78*]

Head with short beard. Marginal note LVCR

Sard, like agate, is a form of Chalcedony. I have no idea what "Erw. Bull. etc" means--it looks like a reference to an earlier work? A museum bulletin or catalogue?