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LATE 19TH CENTURY JAPANESE LACQUER BOX WITH CORAL DESIGN

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Late Meiji to early Taishō period Japanese lacquer box (circa 1890–1920), decorated in the takaramono (宝物, “treasures”) motif, symbolizing prosperity, longevity, and good fortune.

The design incorporates finely detailed representations of auspicious objects, including a Meiji-era Japanese 1 yen silver coin with sunburst and wreath design, a Japanese 5 yen gold coin motif (likely gilded brass), and rectangular plaques imitating koban and ōban gold coins of the Edo period, some with floral patterns and others with mint-style inscriptions.

Additional treasure symbols such as coral, the lucky mallet, and scrolls are rendered in gilt and colored lacquer, enhancing the rich surface decoration. Measuring 4.25" deep, 12" wide, and 3" high, this box exemplifies the refined artistry and symbolic richness of late 19th- to early 20th-century Japanese lacquerware.