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Late Victorian Gentleman's Opera Glasses

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Description

A handsome pair of late 19th-century opera glasses, made for the gentleman who wished to see-and be seen-at the theatre, opera, or racecourse. Compact, elegant, and unmistakably of their period, they offer a charming glimpse into the rituals of Victorian and Edwardian social life.

Opera glasses were an essential accessory for the well-dressed theatre-goer, providing a closer view of the stage from the comfort of a private box or auditorium seat. Beyond their practical purpose, they were an expression of taste and status: finely made personal objects carried to the opera, concert hall, and other fashionable public occasions.

This pair has the pleasing proportions and refined character associated with late 19th-century optical instruments. Their small scale makes them easy to hold and display, while their period design gives them a strong decorative appeal. Whether used as intended or placed in a library, dressing room, study, or cabinet of curiosities, they bring an immediate sense of old-world theatre and ceremony.

A delightful acquisition for collectors of antique optical instruments, theatre memorabilia, Victorian accessories, or traditional gentleman's objects. Equally, they make an original and thoughtful gift for anyone with an appreciation of history, performance, and the art of looking more closely.

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