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Victorian Ivorine Opera Glasses with Handle

£45

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Description

A charming pair of Victorian ivorine opera glasses, complete with their original-style folding handle. Elegant, tactile, and richly evocative of 19th-century theatre-going, they are a handsome example of the small personal accessories carried to the opera, concert hall, and society events.

The binoculars are finished in ivorine, the warm-toned imitation ivory material widely used for fashionable accessories during the Victorian period. Its softly lustrous surface is complemented by the compact optical form and practical handle, allowing the glasses to be held comfortably while viewing a performance from a theatre box or auditorium.

Opera glasses were an essential part of a well-dressed evening outing in the 19th century. More than a practical aid to seeing the stage, they were an expression of personal taste and social refinement, often selected to complement an evening costume and carried as an elegant accessory in their own right. This pair retains all the charm of that world, recalling the glamour of Victorian theatre, music, and formal entertainment.

Now, they would make a delightful addition to a collection of antique optical instruments, theatre memorabilia, Victorian accessories, or decorative objects for a dressing room, library, or cabinet of curiosities. Their compact scale and attractive ivorine finish also make them a particularly appealing display piece.

Offered in as-found condition, with wear, age-related marks, and imperfections.

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