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Rare Early Victorian Child's Barber Chair, Circa 1840

£275

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Height: 100 cm (39.4")

Width: 45 cm (17.7")

Depth: 40 cm (15.7")

Description

A rare and unusual early Victorian child's barber chair, dating to circa 1840. Thoughtfully made on a miniature scale, this charming piece retains its original purpose as a practical yet handsome piece of specialist furniture for the traditional barbershop.

The chair has a comfortably shaped leather-upholstered seat, raised on elegant cabriole legs. The graceful curvature of the legs lends a surprising refinement to an object made for everyday professional use, while the substantial construction and compact proportions give it real decorative presence. Its combination of leather, timber, and carefully worked form makes it a particularly appealing survival from the early Victorian period.

Children's barber chairs of this age are rare, as they were working pieces of furniture and were often altered, discarded, or lost over time. This example offers a fascinating glimpse into the social history of 19th-century grooming and the attention given to younger clients within the Victorian barbershop. The diminutive scale, practical leather seat, and distinctive cabriole legs make it both an unusual collector's object and a highly decorative piece of antique furniture.

Whether displayed in a hallway, dressing room, salon, library, or retail interior, it would make an engaging focal point. It is equally suited to collectors of unusual Victorian furniture, antique seating, barbershop memorabilia, or objects with strong social history.

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