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19th century French multi strand seed pearl necklace

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Description

19th century French multi strand seed pearl necklace with faceted aqua marine beads and fine gold and guilloché enamel clasp, circa 1890.

Seed pearls are tiny, naturally occurring pearls typically less than 2mm in diameter. Prized for their delicate size and soft luster, they were especially popular in 18th and 19th-century jewellery. These pearls are often used in intricate designs, such as borders or floral motifs, and were commonly sewn onto fabric or embedded into gold settings.

Found primarily in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean, seed pearls were once a symbol of refinement and subtle elegance. Though now overshadowed by cultured pearls, they remain valued in antique and vintage jewellery for their historic charm and craftsmanship. Their rarity adds to their allure.

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