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LOT 60 - Victorian Horn Inkwell with Gilt Metal Mounts



Description

Natural horn body with cobalt glass liner and ornate gilt brass mounts. This Victorian-era writing accessory features a circular lid, fluted cobalt blue glass neck, and decorative brass accents. The polished translucent horn vessel displays a rich amber-brown coloration with natural variations in opacity and grain.

The ornate brass hardware includes a cylindrical mount with fluted design, decorative foliate scroll embellishments, and rope-twist border detailing. The piece is adorned with an original red tartan fabric band secured with geometric patterned metallic trim and decorative brass studs, indicative of Scottish influence in Victorian decorative arts.

The removable stopper provides access to the blue glass ink reservoir. This fine example of Victorian desk accessories represents the craftsmanship and decorative sensibilities of the 1860-1880 period.

Condition Notes: Missing or non-functional hinge mechanism on lid. Age-related wear throughout metal components with some tarnish and oxidation. Original fabric trim shows fading and minor fraying. Horn body with minor scratches and natural age patina. No cracks or structural damage to horn or glass components. Mounting hardware remains intact and secure. Refer to the pictures and in person inspection for condition.

Approximate Dimensions: 4 × 5 × 4-1/2 inches

Quantity: 1



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