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Victorian silver inkwell

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Height: 65 mm (2.56")

Diameter: 112 mm (4.41")

Weight: 74 g

Description

A round, cut glass inkwell with silver hinged lid on a simple round base plate.

In 16th century Europe writing was considered to be a lowly task, and the aristocracy and upper classes would employ the services of a scribe or scrivener to write on their behalf using a quill pen and ink.

From the 17th century onwards, as the gentry began to undertake writing themselves, inkwells and inkstands became an essential accessory in every upper-class household. Silver, often combined with glass or crystal, was the most popular material used for inkstands and as well as having a practical use, some became more imposing and elaborate, often turning into decorative pieces in their own right.

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