

Victorian silver writing compendium

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Height: 160 mm (6.3") Width: 255 mm (10.04") Depth: 230 mm (9.06")

Description

Marvellous quality, antique, handmade silver travelling writing case. The body is constructed from heavy-gauge silver and the front has a drop hinge panel revealing three drawers and a pull-out, hinged writing desk with fitted silver inkwell and pounce shaker. The hardwood body and pull-off interior cover have an inlaid marquetry decoration, while the fold-out writing surface is covered in green velvet.

Inside the lid is a sprung-wood letter rack and the case is fitted with a series of fine quality silver propelling pens and pencils by Sampson Mordan; the co-inventor of the first patented mechanical pencil. Other accessories include a letter opener, sealer, rectangular box, nib holder, pounce shaker to dry the ink.

All pieces are engraved with a coronet monogram that doesn't appear to signal either British or European nobility. Pearls are engraved between the spikes, and small crescents on the coronet's rim and elsewhere within the coronet. It suggests that this coronet probably relates to a near eastern or Islamic monarchy who set up their own system of titles of nobility; for example the former kingdoms of Egypt and Libya, or even the Ottoman Empire.

This antique silver writing bow is not available to purchase online. Please get in touch if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.