

SA128463

Grandest Papier Mache Lady's Compendium c. 1880

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA128463****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Description

The most magnificent find, this top-notch cabinet is created from Papier Mache in an exquisite oval form, and beautifully shaped all around and on the lid too with a central finial on the top. The front and two sides have framed panels featuring castles created from inlaid Mother of Pearl with exquisitely hand painted surrounds. The entire cabinet is smothered with shell or nacre inlay with lavish gilded decoration, all created a very grand box. The lid lifts and the doors open to reveal a painted interior with each drawer painted with a different floral spray. The top is of course a fitted sewing box with mother or pearl implements and various silver sewing tapes (they seem to have the tapes within but might require a little attention to keep the tape from going all the way inside), there is also a Mother of Pearl and Ivory tape and a sterling silver thimble hallmarked for Chester 1896. The drawers are all mounted with Mother of Pearl pulls. The bottom drawer is a small lady's writing slope or lap desk, the leather having had to be replaced, the box also came without either of the inkwells but I have found one period (Victorian) brass-topped inkwell to fit. Above thi...

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