

SA285937

Antique English Fern Engraved Glass & Silver Plate Biscuit Barrel c.1890

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA285937****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 18.42 cm (7.3")

Width = 12.07 cm (4.8")

Depth = 12.07 cm (4.8")

Description

A delightful late Victorian biscuit barrel or box dating to around 1890. The glass is a lovely and unusual shape and beautifully decorated with engraved Ferns all around, so very English and so very Victorian. To the Victorians, ferns encapsulated the mystery and majesty of another era. One of the oldest forms of life still thriving, fern fossils have been found dating back 360 million years. It was this past that won them the admiration of Charles Dickens, who cultivated ferns at Gad's Hill Place, his Kent home. Artists Richard Dadd and Sir Joseph Noel Paton were also fans, and so ferns invaded art, literature and folklore. Serious botanists busied themselves building elaborate glass ferneries. A symbol of everything that made Britain great, they celebrated enterprise, exploration, and our appetite for inquiry. The collar and folding swing handle are made from silver plate and the as is the lid, the underside of which is impressed EPNS for Electro-Plated Nickel Silver. Excellent condition, measuring approximately 6 1/4" (max) in diameter, the collar measuring 4 3/4" in diameter. Standing 7 1/4" tall to top of lid finial and 9 1/2" tall to top of handle while upright...

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