

SA318152

Pair of Antique Victorian Inlaid Mother of Pearl Papier Mache Chairs

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA318152****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Description

This beautiful pair of antique Victorian papier mache chairs are in really good original condition & they were made by the famous makers Jennens & Bettridge. Their labels is on the underneath of each chair. They have cane the original cane seats. The decoration is still all there, with mother-of-pearl & lots of decorated paintwork. See all the information about the makers, etc., below. Jennens & Bettridge, the firm run by Theodore Hyla Jennens and John Bettridge between 1816 and 1864, was famous for the range of papier mâché goods manufactured in its factory at 99 Constitution Hill, Birmingham, West Midlands. They also had premises at 6 Halkin Street West, Belgrave Square, London. The firm produced a range of products including writing boxes, trays, fans, and larger pieces of furniture such as chairs, tables and sofas. Papier mâché was made by pasting layers of paper over moulds of the required shape, a job mainly done by women and girls. The object was then oiled and baked at very high temperatures. The shape of these chairs would have been finished by a cabinet-maker before they were varnished and dried in a stove. The mother-of-pearl was applied before the painted an...

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