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## Brass Portable Cot By Hoskins

Sold



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Height: 81.5 cm (32.1")

Width: 58.5 cm (23")

Depth: 55 cm (21.7")

## Description

A folding brass Cot made to dismantle.

The rim of the basket is made of brass tube with 4 holes to fit onto the uprights of the frame and locked in place by screw on ball finials. The mesh base of the basket hangs from the rim supported by woven chain. This allows it to flat pack once the mattress is removed. The X frame stand folds flat with the basket removed. The base of the basket has a plaque noting Hoskins Patent Cot, 6720 and 7402. A.D 1885. Hoskins and Sewell were well known Birmingham manufacturers of brass beds with a high number of patents filed at the end of the 19th century and it is probable that they made this cot. A member of the Hoskins family, William Marrian Hoskins, set up a separate business in 1887 called Hoskins and Son but this is of course 2 years after the patent. Both companies went on to develop ideas and patents for the booming ocean liner market.

The look of this cot is more in line with the brass portable beds made for the military but other, more decorative versions, aimed at the domestic market are known. Circa 1885.

Please note that this would not meet modern day health and safety standards for use as a cot.