Cased Folding Candlestick

James Edmonds

Sold



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Height: 2.8 cm (1.1")

Width: 11 cm (4.3")

Depth: 9.4 cm (3.7")

Description

A patent silver plate on brass folding candlestick.

Many different forms of travel lighting was made during the 19th century but the design of this candlestick is one we have not seen before. The three feet are reminiscent of the folding Japanese candlesticks designed by Tanaka Hisashige in the 1830s. They are cut from sheet metal with each foot forming a part of the central barrel hinge, allowing them to fold flat against each other. One foot is stamped 'Patent'. From the centre of the barrel hinge, a column extends to which the candles sconce is screwed. As the column extends, it means it can be set at two different heights.

The candle sconce is made of two parts, and so can be used without the lipped top section if a slightly larger candle is to be used. When the candle is packed, the top part of the sconce is fitted through the centre of the feet and the bottom section then on to it from the other side of the folded feet. The dismantled and flat packed candlestick can then be placed into its case.

The case is made of thin leather on a soft wood. It is lined in velvet to the base and satin to the lid. To the centre of the lid is a gold disc with the details of 'J. Edmonds Maker 67 Baker St. W London'. More can be read on Edmonds by clicking on his name above but he was a Victorian jeweller and luxury goods retailer.

This is an unusual form of travel candlestick and we are lucky that it retains its case despite it having some wear to its edges. The design is interesting with a modern feel inspired by its need to pack down for travel. Mid to late 19th Century.

The case size is given.

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