Ship's Shelf

£245



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Height: 43.8 cm (17.2")

Width: 50.78 cm (20")

Depth: 22.85 cm (9")

Description

A small mahogany Ship's Shelf.

The shelf has shaped bracket sides to hold a retaining bar to the top and a lipped edge to the front of the shelf, both to contain the contents in rough seas. The shelf is utilitarian, giving much needed storage in a small ship's cabin, but has also tried to imbue a little elegance with its shaped sides. These extended front points are naturally more fragile and the wood shows signs of splits where the retaining bar is fixed. The shelf is now fitted with mirror plates but originally was fixed to the bulkhead with screws though holes to the tips of shaped brackets where they meet the wall. The mirror plates were probably added because these are also vulnerable points and indeed a patch repair has been made to one tip.

The small size of these shelves add to their attraction and the bottle or glass ring marks to the top of the shelf shows it has been much used. Circa 1900.

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