Barrel Travel Inkwell

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Height: 10.16 cm (4")

Diameter: 6.35 cm (2.5")

Description

A rosewood and brass Barrel Travel Inkwell.

The inkwell is banded in brass fixed with pins as a coopered barrel would be held together by metal rings. The top third of the barrel is the lid and is removable with a half turn to release it. The interior of the lid is fitted with a half ball that is likely to be made of gutta percha. This acts as a seal to the mouth of the glass ink bottle. The bottle sits on a spring which forces it up to make a tight fit to the ball. The bottle is held in place by a decorative brass ring.

The barrel is turned out of one piece of rosewood and the inkwell has a good weight to it. This is a good looking, tactile desk piece. Mid 19th Century.

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