Leuchars Travel Candlestick

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Height: 15.87 cm (6.2")

Width: 4.44 cm (1.7")

Depth: 4.44 cm (1.7")

Description

A silver plated Travel Candlestick by Leuchars of London.

The design of this portable candlestick is like a slimmed down version of a Doctor's Carriage Lamp which has a glass fronted box to shield the flame and a telescopic column. It may originally have had a reflector or a glass onion bulb shade which would sit on the rim. As the candlestick has a long, folding claw to hook it onto a carriage curtain it must have had something to reduce the fire risk. The candlestick also has a pair of folding spikes to keep the base from tipping back and so the top forward. The candlestick can also be stood on a table with its round base wider than the column.

The base unscrews from the column to allow the candle inside it to be replaced. It sits on top of a spring which forces it up, as the wax melts. The top of the column has a smaller aperture to hold the candle in place. The candlestick has a cap, held by a chain, which acts as a snuffer and protects the wick when not in use. The underside of the base is serrated for striking matches. A carefully hidden match compartment is contained within the base and has a fingernail opening.

The retailer's stamp of Leuchars Piccadilly is marked to the underside of this compartment. Leuchars were established in 1793 at 47 Piccadilly and built up a reputation for selling a variety of good quality items. They are also known for selling a number of luxury items for travel. Circa 1870.

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