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Silver vinaigrette & scent horn

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Width: 75 mm (2.95")

Diameter: 27 mm (1.06")

Weight: 38 g

Description

This unusual collector's piece is a combined silver vinaigrette and scent hunting horn. The vinaigrette is at the wide end and a screw-cap perfume bottle at the narrow end.

During the 19th century many also believed that pleasant smells would protect them from disease. A vinaigrette was therefore a fashionable accessory for the middle classes; a container with a filigree cover used to hold a perfume-soaked sponge or piece of cotton to disguise unpleasant smells.

Like this silver vinaigrette example, many were fitted with silver chains that could be attached to a chatelaine or jewellery was worn by ladies during the Victorian era to mask unpleasant odours in their environments

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