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Victorian Fruitwood Medicine Canister with Glass Drop Measure

£25

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Description

A charming and unusual Victorian fruitwood medicine canister, retaining its original glass measure marked with a graduated scale for dispensing drops of medicine. Compact, tactile, and beautifully made, it is a fascinating survivor from the age of domestic remedies and Victorian pharmacy.

The turned fruitwood canister has a warm, mellow patina developed through years of handling, protecting the glass measure within. The glass is clearly graduated for drops, allowing small quantities of liquid medicine to be measured with care and precision. Together, the two components demonstrate the practical ingenuity of 19th-century medical equipment, when accurately administered doses were often prepared at home or by an apothecary.

Both functional and decorative, the canister has the understated elegance characteristic of Victorian utilitarian design: simple materials, purposeful construction, and a form that has acquired greater charm with age. It would make an engaging addition to a collection of antique medical instruments, apothecary ware, treen, or Victorian domestic objects.

A rare and evocative piece of medical social history, offering a tangible connection to the rituals of care and treatment in the 19th-century home.

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