

Penny lick glass

Sold



REF: 6304

Height: 8 cm (3.1")

Diameter: 5 cm (2")

Description

A late 18th century lead glass penny lick, circa 1780.

Penny lick glasses are small, thick-walled glass cups used from the 18th century to serve ice cream. Sold by street vendors for a penny, they had a shallow bowl, making portions appear larger. Due to hygiene concerns, as they were reused without proper cleaning, they were banned in the early 20th century.