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French Seed Pearl and Aquamarine Multi-Strand Necklace, Circa 1890

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Description

A fine and unusually elegant French multi-strand necklace, dating to circa 1890 and composed of delicate seed pearls interspersed with softly faceted aquamarine beads. Its light, fluid construction and restrained palette capture the refined femininity of late 19th-century jewellery, while the combination of pearls, pale blue stones, gold, and enamel gives the piece a luminous and distinctly luxurious presence.

The numerous strands of seed pearls create a graceful collar-like effect, their gentle lustre beautifully offset by the cool transparency of the aquamarines. Each faceted bead catches the light with subtle flashes of blue, providing rhythm and sparkle without overwhelming the delicacy of the pearls.

The necklace is completed by a particularly fine gold clasp decorated with guilloché enamel. The engine-turned pattern beneath the translucent enamel creates a shimmering, wave-like surface, lending an additional note of craftsmanship and period charm. Both decorative and functional, the clasp is a jewel in its own right and reflects the sophistication of French jewellery design at the end of the 19th century.

A romantic and highly wearable jewel, equally suited to bridal wear, special occasions, or a collection of antique French jewellery. Its fine materials, graceful proportions, and beautifully detailed enamel clasp make it an especially appealing example of Belle Époque taste.

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