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Early Victorian Fruitwood Travelling Vanity Mirror, Circa 1840

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Height: 27 cm (10.6")

Width: 10 cm (3.9")

Depth: 1 cm (0.4")

Description

A charming and finely made early Victorian travelling vanity mirror in warm fruitwood, dating to circa 1840. Compact in scale and elegantly proportioned, it was designed as a practical personal accessory for use while travelling, yet carries the quiet refinement and attention to detail associated with the best domestic objects of the period.

The mirror retains its original scalloped glass plate, whose softly shaped outline gives the piece an appealingly decorative character. The fruitwood frame has acquired a rich, mellow patina over time, enhancing the natural figure and warmth of the timber. A delicately inlaid handle completes the design, providing both a comfortable grip and a subtle note of ornament.

Mirrors of this type were made for the dressing table, bedroom, or travelling case, at a time when personal grooming accessories were often produced with considerable care and individuality. Its modest size and portable form make it an especially intimate and appealing survivor, combining useful function with the understated elegance of early Victorian design.

A lovely addition to a collection of antique vanity objects, treen, dressing-table accessories, or early Victorian decorative arts. Equally attractive displayed in a bedroom, dressing room, or alongside other small antique domestic objects.

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