

19th century coquilla nut pomanders

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Description

19th century coquilla nut pomanders. To be filled with scented material to mask the street smells.

Pomanders, historically fragrant balls made from herbs, spices, and sometimes fruit, were used to mask unpleasant odours and protect against disease. Popular in medieval Europe, they often contained cloves, cinnamon, or ambergris, enclosed in ornate containers worn around the neck or carried in pockets.

Beyond practical purposes, pomanders served as decorative objects and status symbols, showcasing wealth and refinement. They were also believed to have spiritual properties, warding off evil spirits and promoting health.