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1930s Philips British Empire 8-Inch Globe on Ebonised Stand

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Description

A charming and increasingly scarce Philips 8-inch British Empire globe, dating from the 1930s and presented on its original ebonised wooden stand. Compact in scale yet rich in period detail, it offers a vivid snapshot of the world as it was understood and mapped in the interwar years.

The globe rotates freely within its meridian support, allowing its delicately printed cartography to be viewed in full. Its period map reflects the political geography, place names, and colonial boundaries of the 1930s, making it as much a historical document as a decorative object. The original designation "British Empire" is retained here as part of the globe's historical identity and period manufacture.

There is honest and appealing evidence of long use: visible cracking around the equator marks the paper-covered surface and lends the piece a genuine, timeworn character. Rather than diminishing its appeal, this wear speaks to decades of handling, study, and display, and gives the globe the warmth that only an original object can possess.

With its gently aged surface, dark ebonised base, and elegant small scale, this globe would make a wonderful addition to a library, study, desk, or collector's cabinet. It is particularly suited to collectors of antique globes, educational objects, Philips cartography, and interwar decorative arts.

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