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Belle Époque Silver and Marcasite Floral Plaque Brooch, Circa 1910

£120

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Height: 4 cm (1.6")

Width: 7 cm (2.8")

Description

A refined Belle Époque silver and marcasite plaque brooch, dating to circa 1910. Elegant in both form and detail, the brooch is designed as an openwork plaque centred on a delicate floral motif, its scrolling framework and sparkling marcasite decoration creating a light, intricate, and beautifully balanced composition.

The fine floral design is characteristic of the Belle Époque, a period celebrated for jewellery of exceptional delicacy and grace. The cool silver setting provides a restrained backdrop for the bright-cut marcasite, whose faceted surfaces catch the light with a subtle, diamond-like shimmer. The result is a jewel of understated glamour, equally appealing for its decorative presence and its finely worked period character.

Plaque brooches of this type were an important feature of early 20th-century dress, worn at the collar, bodice, or lapel to add a touch of brilliance to both day and evening attire. More than a century later, the brooch remains remarkably versatile: its finely pierced silhouette and monochrome palette make it easy to wear with contemporary clothing while retaining all the romance of its original era.

A charming and wearable example of Belle Époque jewellery, ideal for collectors of antique silver, marcasite, and floral jewellery, or as an elegant gift for a lover of early 20th-century design.

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