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Natural saltwater pearl and diamond brooch

£1,950

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Description

A late 19th century natural saltwater pearl and old brilliant cut diamond crescent brooch mounted in gold and platinum, circa 1890.

Natural saltwater pearls are rare and exquisite gems formed without human intervention inside oysters living in the ocean. They develop when a microscopic irritant, such as a grain of sand or parasite, becomes trapped within the oyster's shell, prompting layers of nacre to build up over time.

Found primarily in regions like the Persian Gulf, the South Seas, and off the coast of Japan, these pearls are prized for their lustre, subtle colour variations, and organic beauty. Unlike cultured pearls, natural saltwater pearls are exceptionally scarce, making them highly valuable and sought after by collectors and fine jewellery connoisseurs world wide.

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