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Sampson Mordan Silver Icicle-Form Travelling Scent Bottle, London, 1893

£245

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Height: 14 cm (5.5")

Width: 3 cm (1.2")

Depth: 2 cm (0.8")

Weight: 38 g

Description

A charming and unusual late Victorian silver travelling scent bottle by the celebrated London makers Sampson Mordan, hallmarked for London, 1893. Fashioned in an elegant icicle form, this diminutive piece transforms a practical personal accessory into an object of wit, refinement, and exceptional period character.

The elongated bottle is designed with a screw-top closure, allowing it to be carried securely while travelling or kept discreetly within a handbag, dressing case, or pocket. Its tapering, ice-like silhouette gives it an especially distinctive presence, while the polished silver surface catches the light beautifully and emphasises the sculptural quality of the design.

During the Victorian period, scent bottles were essential personal accessories, used to carry perfume or smelling salts throughout the day. Examples by Sampson Mordan are particularly sought after for their inventive forms, high-quality craftsmanship, and strong connection to the fashionable rituals of late 19th-century life. Better known for their ingenious silver novelties and fine accessories, the firm brought the same imagination and technical skill to even the smallest objects.

An appealing and highly collectable piece of Victorian silver, this travelling scent bottle would make an excellent addition to a collection of antique perfume bottles, silver novelties, dressing-table objects, or Sampson Mordan pieces. Its rarity of form, elegant proportions, and clear London hallmarks make it both a beautiful display object and a tangible piece of Victorian social history.

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