

Decorative Brass Peacock Bed Warming Pan, Circa 1900

£25



Description

A handsome and highly decorative brass bed warming pan, dating to circa 1900, with an elegant peacock motif to the hinged cover. Combining practical domestic function with richly ornamental design, it is a wonderful example of the enduring appeal of traditional brassware at the turn of the 20th century.

The circular pan is fitted with a long handle, allowing it to be moved safely beneath bedclothes, while the pierced and decorated cover is centred with a stylised peacock. The bird's sweeping plumage and striking silhouette lend the piece a particularly attractive presence, transforming a familiar household object into a decorative work of art. The warm, polished brass surface further enhances the design, catching the light and bringing definition to the ornamental detail.

Bed warming pans were traditionally filled with hot coals or embers and passed between the sheets before bedtime, providing comfort on cold evenings long before central heating. By circa 1900, they were increasingly valued as decorative, nostalgic pieces as well as practical household equipment, often displayed near a hearth or hung on a wall as a feature of a country-house or cottage interior.

This example retains all the charm of that tradition. Its combination of functional form, richly coloured brass, and peacock decoration makes it an especially appealing item for collectors of antique metalware, decorative arts, and period domestic objects.

An attractive addition to a fireplace setting, bedroom, hallway, kitchen, or wall display, this warming pan would bring warmth, character, and a touch of Edwardian decorative style to any interior.