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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items

Sorrento Ware Inkwell

£165



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Height: 5.08 cm (2")

Width: 6.09 cm (2.4")

Depth: 6.35 cm (2.5")

Description

An olive and other woods inlaid Sorrento Ware Inkwell.

The inkwell is designed as a row of 5 volumes with another book both above and below. The book above forms the inkwell's lid. Sliding the spines of the 5 volumes to the right lines up a hole to allow the screw head pin to the underside of the top to lift up and open. The interior is fitted with a tin cased inkwell with a lid held by a sprung catch. The underside of this lid has a sprung pad that pushes down on the glass inkwell's neck to seal it.

The top of the inkwell is inlaid with a flying swallow with further black ink decoration which is also used to number the books etc.

Sorrento has a rich history of making marquetry items both large and small for the visitors to the Italian coastal town. This inkwell was probably purchased as a souvenir either side of 1900 and brought home to Britain. Circa 1900.