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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
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Portable Military Bidet

Sold



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Height: 47 cm (18.5")

Width: 35 cm (13.8")

Depth: 56 cm (22")

Description

The design of this English mahogany travelling Bidet is well considered to make it as portable but as quick to set up as possible.

The legs are hinged and shaped to fit within each other when folded as opposed to having legs that unscrew and pack within the case. There are 4 hinged lopers that swing out to hold the legs in place for use. When folded, the legs have a brass sprung clip to lock them to each other. The top of the bidet has a brass push button catch to secure it and when closed can be used as a side table. However, it is also double hinged so it can be lifted and folded back to become a third leg, as shown.

The bidet has a removable tin basin and shaped sides to provide more comfort when in use. Although the hinges are stamped Horne Patent, there is no indication of a maker. A similar bidet is illustrated in Brawer on page 27 and has its original leather case, further proving it was meant for travel. Circa 1840.

Dimensions given are the Bidet set up for use a table.