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Pith Helmet Inkwell

£295



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Height: 5.08 cm (2")

Width: 4.4433 cm (1.7")

Depth: 6.35 cm (2.5")

Description

An off white canvas with leather band on brass Pith Helmet or Solar Topi Inkwell.

A wide variety of novelty inkwells were made either side of 1900, with the sun helmet one of the rarer designs. It follows the form of most novelty inkwells with a hidden button to the front releasing the lid on a sprung catch. There is a second lid to the interior with a sprung pad to form a seal on the glass bottle. This lid is also held by a catch.

The inkwell is curved to the base following the shape of the British Foreign Service Helmet and so not made to sit flat. The underside is finish with a thin leather. The helmet design is evocative of the colonial Victorian army and would have appealed to those with memories of India, the Boer War and north Africa. Circa 1900.