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Cawnpore Tent Club Pith Helmet

Sold



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Height: 15 cm (5.9")

Width: 27 cm (10.6")

Depth: 34 cm (13.4")

Description

A Sportsman's Prince of Wales Shape Sola Tope or Sun Hat made of cork with a khaki cover and leather belt strap.

This form of Pith Helmet became popular after it was worn by The Prince of Wales during his visit to India in 1875-76. The anonymous Calcutta maker was still seeking to capitalize on that 30 years later describing the helmet as the Princes of Wales shape.

The British army used the Cawnpore Tent Club Helmet for undress or fatigue duties but the title of this version suggests it was aimed at sportsmen, perhaps for tent pegging or pig sticking. The size is a UK 7 or medium. Early 20th Century.

Sold without the hat stand.