

## Necessaire In Wood, Sterling Silver And Crystal. London, George Iv, 1829



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Signature: Thomas Dicks

Period: 19th century Condition: Bon état

Length: 38 Width: 27

Depth: 16

## Description

Rare and precious travel nécessaire in calamander wood with brass inlays, dating from the George IV period. This elegant box, masterfully crafted by renowned English maker Thomas Dicks, contains a refined set of toiletry accessories in cut crystal with vermeil sterling silver mounts, along with several utilitarian items (e.g., sewing tools) in mother-of-pearl. The attention to detail, balanced proportions, and exquisite materials make it a true luxury object, intended for a cultured and well-traveled aristocracy. According to tradition, the nécessaire belonged to the noble Swedish Hamilton family from 1862, when it was gifted to Count Adolf Hamilton (1839-1889) by Countess Louise Danner, the morganatic wife of King Frederik VII of Denmark. The count served as Swedish ambassador in Copenhagen during the Dealer

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years of the Prussian War (1861-1864), and was married to Baroness Mektild Johanna Leijonhufvud of Ekeberg. An exceptional piece of great historical and collectible value, perfectly representative of early 19th-century English neoclassical style and the diplomatic, cosmopolitan culture of the time. Condition: very good overall, with minor wear consistent with age and use, including a small loss to the brass inlay on the box and a crack in one of the smaller crystal containers; one small sewing tool is missing from the central section.