



Curiosity: Dagger Of Virtue, 19th Century, Female Dagger Known As A "ball-picker" (ref1151)



220 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Length : 19 cm

Description

Collector's item and curiosity: Small 19th-century virtue dagger: a dagger that women carried in their handbags or under their petticoats for defense against overly amorous men. It is also known colloquially as a "ball-picker," as it was frequently used by prostitutes for self-defense in case of attack. This particular dated 19th-century example is sold as found, in good condition, and of high quality. The handle is carved in a twisted pattern (I believe it to be blackened ebony). The blade is steel and needs cleaning. No sheath (see photos). Length: 19 cm. Blade length: 9 cm.

Handle and guard length: 10 cm. Handle thickness: 1.5 cm. Weight: 66 grams. SHIPPING: To find out the shipping costs before purchasing, click on Buy Online and select your country, or contact us. By email. Careful packaging.

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