



Gendarme's Bicorn Hat, Model 1872, France, Gendarmerie, Third Republic



590 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Linen

Width : 42 cm

Height : 24 cm

Description

A beautiful and quite rare gendarme's bicorne hat, Model 1872, made of felt trimmed with silver braid. This tall-brimmed model, inherited from the Second Empire, was replaced in 1895 by a smaller bicorne. It is adorned at the front with a tricolor cockade, a black-edged braid, and a silver button with a grenade inscribed "Gendarmerie - Ordre Public" (Gendarmerie - Public Order). The interior is lined with canvas and a sweatband. Overall, it is in good condition. There are signs of wear consistent with age, the sweatband has been replaced, and there is a small, barely visible tear (see photo). The total height at the back is approximately 24 cm. The total width is approximately 42 cm.

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