



Miniature Replica Of A Guillotine, 19th Century



1 900 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Solid wood

Width : 17 cm

Height : 35.5 cm

Depth : 19.5 cm

Description

Antoine Louis (1723-1792) ordinarily worked as a doctor. And, as a man of his time, this humanist, who contributed to the Encyclopedia of d'Alembert and Diderot, was distressed to see that judicial executions, not content with being violent, were often slow and cruel. Therefore, he developed a machine destined for a posterity he likely did not anticipate.

For, in 1789, Joseph-Ignace Guillotin (1738-1814) had the modern device adopted by the National Constituent Assembly. "With my machine," he said, "I can cut off your head in the blink of an eye, and you won't suffer. The mechanism falls like lightning, the head flies, the blood spurts, the man is no more." Ah! The man is no more, and soon, neither will the King!

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Hence the first nickname, Louison, then
Louisette, when the queen was subjected to the
brutal beheading. It was only later that the
machine was named not after its inventor, but
after the man who introduced it to the French: the
guillotine had entered history. Ours will not sever
any heads, but its sharp edge should be treated
with caution, for the device is in perfect condition
and will spare no finger that ventures under the
(considerable) weight of the beveled blade.

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Dimensions:

Height: 35.5 cm

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Depth: 19.5 cm

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