



18th/19th-century Sugar Cutter.



245 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Description

This sugar axe from the late 18th or early 19th century may seem quite surprising to modern consumers, who are accustomed to sugar cubes neatly arranged in a box or to powdered sugar. However, until the invention of sugar cubes in 1873 by the Czech Jacob Kristof Rad (1799-1871), the sugar axe was an indispensable tool for housewives. In fact, sugar in Europe was very often packaged in the form of a conical sugar loaf, invented by the Venetians in the 15th century. This agglomerated sugar was very hard, and a metal axe was needed to break it off. This example measures approximately 31.5 centimeters, making it easy to handle. At one end is a curved blade for chopping off large chunks, and at the other is a hammer-shaped tip for further reducing the size of the resulting pieces.

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