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19th-century Tall French Mahogany Revolving Bookcase



3 950 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Mahogany

Width : 62

Height : 118

Depth : 62

Description

Superb-Quality 19th-Century French Mahogany Three-Tier Revolving Bookcase, Labeled "Bibliothèque Terquem," Paris. A superb-quality and highly unusual 19th-century French solid mahogany three-tier revolving bookcase, bearing the label "Bibliothèque Terquem," Paris. With its elegant, tall proportions, the bookcase is crafted from beautifully figured solid mahogany and features a square top with a finely molded edge. A particularly charming feature is the adjustable leather-covered reading slope built into the top, complete with integrated cup holders. Below, the bookcase is arranged over three generous tiers, each divided into quarters by slender mahogany slats running vertically from top to base and secured with decorative brass studs. This clever arrangement provides ample storage while

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allowing books to remain easily accessible from all sides. The entire piece is supported by substantial cross struts above a framed iron rotating mechanism with original iron fittings, ending in brass casters. The rotating mechanism allows the entire bookcase to turn smoothly, making it both a highly practical and remarkably inventive piece of 19th-century library furniture. The quality of the cabinetmaking is evident throughout, from the choice of beautifully figured mahogany to the refined proportions and carefully considered construction. Most importantly, the bookcase remains in excellent original condition, retaining a superb rich color and a wonderfully warm patina that has developed naturally through generations of careful use. The combination of its unusual revolving design, three-tier configuration, adjustable reading slope, and "Bibliothèque Terquem, Paris" label makes this a particularly interesting and desirable example of 19th-century French library furniture. Both highly decorative and immensely practical, this exceptional bookcase would make a striking addition to a library, study, or drawing room, equally at home in a traditional period interior or as a statement piece within a contemporary setting.