Portable Brass Stove And Sterilizer, Late 19th-early 20th Century



150 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Brass

Length : 8,5 cm plié / 16,5 cm déplié

Width : 6 cm

Height : 3,5 cm

Description

This folding, portable brass sterilizing stove consists of a compartment with a wick burner (for alcohol) fitted with a knurled lid and a second hinged section equipped with foldable metal supports.This object originated in Europe and the United States in the late 19th or early 20th century, with two main historical uses depending on its context of manufacture:Civilian origin (late 19th century - 1900s) : This type of folding brass case was originally a travel heater for a curling iron, used to style hair or mustaches before the advent of electric irons. Travelers would fill the reservoir with methyl alcohol and place the metal curling iron on the two fold-out hoops above the flame.Military and Medical Origins (World War I, circa 1917) : To meet the needs of field hospitals, this compact model was adopted and

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mass-produced by military medical services, particularly in France and the United States around 1917, as a field sterilizer. It was used by doctors and nurses to boil water in a small container placed on the supports or to directly pass surgical instruments and syringes over the flame.