

Antique Silvered Hip Flask, James Dixon & Sons c.1880



DESCRIPTION

Our Stock # LFA-1073 This is an antique hip flask dating to the latter part of the 19th Century, c.1880. From the renowned Sheffield based silversmith James Dixon & Sons, this plated quarter pint flask is a delightful antique that may still be used today and bears a desirable patina and finish so lacking in modern examples. Tactile in form, the twist lock, silvered domed cap benefits from the original cork built into the lid that still functions very well. The glass bottle cosseted in the brown leather upper features an aperture to see when the flask may need refilling. The lower part of the flask protected by the silvered removable cup, gilded on the inside, that slides effortlessly and snugly onto the bottle.

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DIMENSIONS

Max Width: 8.5cm (3.25")

Max Depth: 3cm (1.25")

Max Height: 14.5cm (5.75")

About James Dixon & Sons
The business commenced in c.1806 in Silver Street, Sheffield by James Dixon and Thomas Smith. Thomas Smith departed the business in 1823 and James Dixon's eldest son, William Frederick, joined and soon expanded into larger premises in Cornish Place in 1824 with workshops, casting shops, offices and warehouses. In 1830, the firm began making silver and plated goods at Cornish Place by acquiring the firm Nicholson, Ashforth and Cutts. The firm changed its name to James Dixon & Sons when James Willis Dixon, the second son, joined the family business. The firm began to make electroplate from 1848. In 1850, new stamp and plating shops were set up in Cornish place, along with showroom and warehousing. The firm were awarded several medals at the Great Exhibition in 1851. The firm's castings book of 1879 includes designs by Christopher Dresser, registered from 1880 and produced for a number of years. Proving an item is produced by Dixon is the corporate mark of trumpet, or bugle, and ba ...

