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Pair of Antique Bone and Steel Boot Hooks

£25

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Description

A handsome pair of antique bone and steel boot hooks, made for fastening the buttoned boots that were an essential part of 19th- and early 20th-century dress.

Each hook has a smooth bone handle, comfortably shaped for the hand, fitted with a long, slender steel shaft ending in a small hooked tip. The tool was passed through a boot's buttonhole, caught around the button, and pulled through-a simple but indispensable aid when dressing. Used as a pair, they allowed the wearer to fasten boots more efficiently and with greater control.

Beautifully practical objects in their own right, these boot hooks offer a tangible link to the rituals of daily dress before zips and elasticated footwear. The contrast between the warm, organic bone handles and cool steel fittings gives them a quiet elegance, while their compact scale makes them ideal for display in a dressing room, library, or cabinet of curiosities.

A charming addition to a collection of antique dressing accessories, equestrian items, or period costume objects, and a thoughtful gift for anyone drawn to the craftsmanship and everyday history of the Victorian and Edwardian eras.

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