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Early 20th-Century Cultured Pearl Opera-Length Necklace with Diamond Clasp

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Description

An elegant opera-length single strand of large cultured pearls, completed by an exceptional gold and platinum box clasp set with diamonds, circa 1910. The generous length allows the necklace to be worn in a variety of ways-simply as a long single strand, doubled at the neck, or layered with other jewellery-giving this early 20th-century jewel both enduring versatility and presence.

The pearls have a beautifully soft, even lustre and an appealingly substantial scale, lending the strand a luxurious, graceful line. Their restrained elegance is complemented by the clasp, which is made in a refined combination of warm gold and cool platinum, the diamonds adding a crisp, discreet flash of light. Designed as an integral decorative feature rather than merely a fastening, it offers a particularly handsome finishing detail.

Dating from circa 1910, the necklace reflects the sophisticated jewellery of the Edwardian period, when pearls were central to the fashionable evening wardrobe and platinum-mounted diamonds were favoured for their delicacy and brilliance. The use of cultured pearls also speaks to an important early chapter in the history of modern jewellery, as these newly available pearls made lustrous, beautifully matched strands increasingly attainable.

A timeless and highly wearable jewel, equally suited to formal occasions or to bringing understated glamour to a contemporary wardrobe. It would make a distinguished addition to a collection of Edwardian jewellery, antique pearl necklaces, or early 20th-century diamond-set accessories.

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