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Pair of Arts & Crafts Hand-Forged Iron Firedogs, Circa 1905

£75

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Description

A handsome pair of Arts & Crafts hand-forged iron firedogs, dating to circa 1905. Strong, purposeful, and beautifully made, they reflect the movement's admiration for honest materials, visible craftsmanship, and forms shaped by function.

Each firedog is forged from substantial iron with the subtle variations, hammer marks, and gently irregular lines that distinguish handwork from machine production. Their restrained design has a quiet architectural quality: practical enough for an open hearth, yet sculptural enough to command attention when the fireplace is not in use. The deep, dark surface has developed a rich patina over time, enhancing the character and tactile presence of the metal.

The Arts & Crafts movement sought to restore the value of the skilled maker in response to industrial mass production. Firedogs such as these express that ideal particularly well: their robust construction, unembellished materials, and carefully resolved proportions show how an everyday household object could be elevated through craftsmanship and design.

Presented as a pair, they would make a distinguished addition to an original period fireplace or a sympathetic contemporary interior. They are equally appealing to collectors of Arts & Crafts metalwork, architectural antiques, and early 20th-century design.

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