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Sold



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Lorgnettes, handheld eyeglasses with a short handle, became fashionable in the 19th century. They were designed for quick use, allowing wearers to view distant objects with ease. Popular among the elite, lorgnettes combined functionality with elegance, often featuring ornate designs. Their use declined with the advent of modern eye wear.