

Doffing hat bottle stopper

£60



REF: 7339

Height: 15 cm (5.9")

Width: 6 cm (2.4")

Depth: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

An early 20th century articulated carved bottle stopper of a man doffing his hat, Black Forest circa 1910.

Black Forest articulated bottle stoppers showcase traditional German craftsmanship blended with playful engineering. Hand carved from hardwoods, they depict folkloric figures whose jointed arms and legs move when the stopper is lifted or pressed. The articulation adds charm while also helping seal wine or spirits securely.

Originating in the Black Forest region, these stoppers reflect centuries of woodcarving heritage and mechanical curiosity. Each piece is slightly different, emphasising artisanal skill over mass production. Collected as souvenirs or functional decor, they balance utility and whimsy, turning an everyday object into a conversation piece rooted in regional history and cultural identity worldwide.