

Toleware tea canister

£495



REF: 7502

Height: 45 cm (17.7")

Diameter: 25 cm (9.8")

Description

A Victorian green painted toleware tea canister with hand-painted gilt number 26 with the rare maker's mark of A Gilbert & Sons, London circa 1840.

A Gilbert & Sons was a London-based manufacturer associated with decorative metalwork and toleware during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The company produced painted and japanned tin items that reflected the craftsmanship and industrial artistry of the Victorian period.

Gilbert & Sons products were valued for their durable construction and stylish appearance, making them suitable for both kitchen use and shop display. Today, surviving examples are sought after by collectors of antique advertising tins, kitchenalia, and traditional British decorative metalware.

Like many British metalworking firms of the era, Gilbert & Sons contributed to the popularity of affordable decorative goods for middle-class homes. Surviving examples are now valued by collectors for their historical significance, craftsmanship, and connection to Britain's rich tradition of ornamental metal manufacturing.