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Edwardian Parquetry Cribbage Board, Circa 1900

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Height: 2 cm (0.8")

Width: 8 cm (3.1")

Depth: 28 cm (11")

Description

A charming Edwardian parquetry cribbage board, dating to circa 1900. Carefully made from contrasting woods arranged in a geometric parquetry pattern, this attractive gaming piece combines the enduring appeal of a traditional card game with the decorative craftsmanship of turn-of-the-century domestic furniture and accessories.

The board is punctuated with the drilled scoring holes required for cribbage, allowing players to track their progress with pegs as the game unfolds. Its rich timber tones and decorative inlaid surface elevate it beyond a simple pastime object, making it a handsome small-scale example of the period's appreciation for well-made, useful household items.

Cribbage has been played in Britain for centuries, and by the late 19th and early 20th centuries it remained a favourite game in homes, clubs, and during travel. Boards such as this were made to be kept close at hand-brought out for an evening's play, then displayed as an appealing object in their own right. The combination of familiar function and ornamental parquetry gives this example a particularly warm and evocative character.

A delightful addition to a games collection, library, desk, games room, or country-house interior. It would make a thoughtful gift for a cribbage player or collector of antique games and decorative woodenware.

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