Steel Fireplace Footman

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Height: 35 cm (13.8")

Width: 48 cm (18.9")

Depth: 38 cm (15")

Description

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An elegant early 19th-century polished steel footman (or trivet), featuring a rectangular slatted top and with a lower rack, supported by cabriolet front legs and straight back legs. This finely crafted piece would have stood on the hearth to hold kettles and pans taken from the fire, or for warming plates.
The term footman refers to a British hearth accessory, typically made of polished steel or brass and oblong or oval in form, used for keeping dishes hot before a dining room fire. Such pieces were essential household items before the advent of modern heating and hot water systems, combining utility with elegant craftsmanship.

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