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CHINESE ANTIQUE FURNITURE



## Matching Six-Drawer Apothecaries

SHANXI PROVINCE, C19TH

**DIMENSIONS:** W:28.5 D:20 H:30 (cm)

**REFERENCE:** B281

£775

These small matching apothecary treasures for couples or an individual have such fascinating uses; as a medicine and jewellery box, cufflink and watch box, or on a desk for pens and stationery.

Originally in China, these apothecaries, each with six long drawers, were used for herbal medicine storage. Today they offer a myriad of practical uses and even make a wonderful and original wedding gift.

Chinese apothecaries are a collector's favourite. Traces of the original lacquer remain on the elm wood. The tenons are visible thereby showcasing traditional joinery of Chinese antique furniture and architecture in miniature. The original metal ware is simple, functional and refined with flat oval pulls and elegant bail handles.

In its original state, these boxes may have had a lockable front plate to keep the six long deep drawers secure, and contents private. Given their small size, they were conveniently portable when travelling.

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