



Beau Brummell, or Man's Dressing Table

Medium

Rosewood shellacked to resemble mahogany

Description

The rectangular rosewood frame features a carved skirt with oval rosettes alternating with fluting and bordered above by fluted and beaded bands and below with beading. Six squared, tapered and reeded legs end in spade feet and are braced with a simple H shaped stretcher assembly. The tabletop includes two hinged leaves, the first of which, when supported by two hinged legs, opens to a gaming table surface covered with red wool baize and edged with a narrow strip of leather embossed with a gilt Greek key motif. The table's second leaf opens to reveal a complex assortment of compartments, slots, and spaces for a variety of toiletry bottles, brushes, and a central compartment designed for a hand mirror. A portion of the interior lifts up from the

surface, revealing a rectangular storage box with a small prospect door carved with a circular rosette flanked by two pigeonholes and two tiers of small drawers with brass escutcheons. Beneath the pigeonholes and drawers runs a bottom tier of three shallow drawers, the central one of which contains a small hinged looking glass (which may be a replacement).

Dimensions

33 × 31.75 × 15.5 in. (83.8 × 80.6 × 39.4 cm)