

Antique french brass precision travel apothecary balance scale on cherry wood base with gram weights, France circa 1880.

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Misure 10.25″ – 27 CM H 10.25″ – 27 CM L 5.25″ – 13 CM D

Price
€ 1,500

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M16

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French Travel Precision/Apothecary Scale, circa 1880 (Late 19th Century / French Third Republic). Burnished brass and iron frame, pans, and mechanisms; solid cherry wood (Prunus avium L.) base, finely polished. The scale features a central turned brass column topped by a beam with a vertical indicator needle, which moves across an arched, engraved brass scale. At the base of the column, a brass cam lever mechanism locks the arms to prevent wear on the knife-edge bearings when placing weights. The two concave brass pans are supported by rigid teardrop-shaped arms, featuring a pouring lip to facilitate the transfer of powders or chemical substances.The supporting case is crafted from solid cherry wood (Prunus avium L.) with a molded top edge and a turned knob. The removable drawer

houses a shaped wooden block (weight block) designed to store a set of metric brass weights (grams and fractions).It retains a splendid original patina on both the brass (with light traces of oxidation attesting to its authenticity) and the wood. The mechanism is complete with its locking lever, original pans, and part of the period weight set.