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CARRIED ON THE WING: 19TH CENTURY TRAVELERS BIRD CASE WITH BRASS COMPONENTS

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

19th Century Traveler's Bird Case with Brass Components France or England, circa 1820-1870 This finely crafted 19th-century traveler's bird case, made in France or England circa 1820-1870, exemplifies the intersection of natural history, portability, and refined cabinetmaking characteristic of the early Victorian period. Designed for the transport and temporary housing of small songbirds, it features a gently sloped hardwood body fitted with brass bars, hardware, and a carrying handle, allowing for secure travel and proper ventilation. The case is enhanced with delicate inlaid banding and geometric detailing, with a front façade incorporating vertical brass bars protecting a dark interior and a rear panel pierced with an ornamental brass grille to ensure airflow. A hinged top panel with small access apertures permitted feeding and care during transport, while the brass fittings display a warm, naturally aged patina consistent with period use. Such bird cases were favored by travelers, collectors, and naturalists at a time when bird-keeping and study were popular pursuits among the European middle and upper classes; although the maker remains unidentified, the quality of materials and thoughtful design suggest the work of a skilled cabinetmaker attentive to both functional and decorative requirements. Today, the piece stands as a compelling object of curiosity, equally suited to a collection of scientific instruments, folk objects, or as a sculptural decorative accent. Dimensions: 14" L × 4.75" W × 7.25" H