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Title Woman's Shoes

Date about 1840-1845

Primary Maker [?] Sisley

Medium Hand-stitched wool, leather, silk and linen

Description Tan leather and wool slit vamp shoes with three pairs of eyelets for ties, and square toes. The leather "foxing," which is embossed with parallel diagonal lines in a twill-like pattern, is a darker color than the wool. It covers the toe and lower sides of the shoe, and then covers the heel in a shallow crescent, so that the twill-woven wool fabric covers the top of the shoe in a shape similar to a gaiter. The wool is square across the top of the instep, reflecting the shape of the toe. The throatline and slit are bound with narrow pale green silk tape. This same tape is used as the tie in shoe ".a"; shoe ".b" has similar tape, but in a brown color. The soles are flat and straight. The shoes are lined with plain-

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woven linen. The sock lining is white kidskin, but is mostly gone due to insect damage.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 2 1/4 x 2 5/8 x 9 1/4in.

(5.7 x 6.7 x 23.5cm)