

Basic Detail Report

Title Monocle and Case

Date 1900-1920

Primary Maker Joseph I. Cantarow

Medium Monocle (.a): Clear glass lens and yellow metal, on a black fabric cord.

Case: Faux alligator skin, green velvet, and a metal snap.

Description Monocle and fitted case. The monocle (.a) is made of clear glass in a yellow metal frame. The underside of the frame has an extra piece of wire on both the left and right side, to form supports to rest the monocle against the wearer's face. The top of the monocle has a small metal loop attached with a small screw; a black fabric cord is attached to the loop, so the monocle can hang around from the neck when not being worn. The circular case (.b) is made of a single piece of black faux alligator skin. The top and bottom were cut almost in two, leaving only a narrow piece at the back of the case that serves as the hinge for opening. A second piece of faux alligator skin is stitched to the underside of the bottom of the case; it extends up over the opening, and attaches with a snap to the accompanying snap affixed to the front of the top of the case. Printed in gold lettering on the top of the case is, "Ph. Katz, Optik/ Karlsbad/ Sanssouci".

The interior of the case is lined with dark green velvet.

Dimensions Component (height x width x depth of monocle): 2 1/2 x 1 3/4 x 7/16in. (6.4 x 4.4 x 1.1cm) Component (height x diameter of case): 7/8 x 2 1/8in.

(2.2 x 5.4cm)