

Basic Detail Report



Title Bonnet

Date about 1860-1880

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched silk with cardboard, loosely woven and stiffened cotton, net, and wire

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Description Woman's bonnet of grey-green silk. The brim, four inches wide at

center top, is constructed of very stiff cardboard covered smoothly with silk. The

brim has wire along the edge. The corners or ends of the brim are rounded and

extend several inches below the base of the crown. The brim is lined with a light

weight, cream-colored silk. The crown is 3 3/4 inches deep and measures five

inches in diameter at the back. The silk covering is folded and gathered before

being stitched to the brim. The silk covering is pleated along the bottom or base

of the crown. A curtain of silk, lined with net, is decorated with three lines of

folds. It is gathered and stitched to the base of the crown and the brim. A folded

strip of silk covers the seam and creates a bow at the center back. The ends of

the bow are neatly edged and shaped. The crown is shaped with layers of

loosely woven, heavily stiffened cotton. There is no lining in the crown.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 8 x 7 5/8 x 8 1/2in.

(20.3 x 19.4 x 21.6cm)