



Benham & Froud, Designed by Dr C. Dresser – Gothic Revival Oak Coal Scuttle

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£2,200

MAKER	Benham & Froud
DESIGNER	Dr Christopher Dresser
PERIOD	Gothic Revival , 1880-1889
YEAR	1880
STYLE	Gothic
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Iron, Oak
DIMENSIONS	H: 17.13 in (43.5 cm) W: 12.4 in (31.5 cm) D: 21.26 in (54 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

Made by **Benham & Froud** and **designed by Dr Christopher Dresser**, this **oak coal scuttle** expresses late *Gothic Revival* taste, **c. late 19th century**. The faceted oak carcass stands on block feet with moulded rails; the sloped lid and front are worked with **stylised floral iron straps** and a central rosette boss. A sturdy carrying handle and broad hinge plates complete the functional, architectural look.

The mixture of honest oak joinery with simplified iron ornament is consistent with Dresser's approach to domestic metalwork for Benham & Froud in the 1870s–80s. The piece is a practical fireside container while carrying strong sculptural presence on the hearth.