Thermos flask

Place of origin: England (Manufactured)

Date: 1910-1920 (manufactured)

Materials and Techniques: Electroplated base metal with gilt lid in wickerwork case.

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**Descriptive line**

Electroplate and gilt thermos flask in original wickerwork case. English, 1910-20.

**Physical description**

Machine made cylindrical flask with rounded shoulders, screw thread to attach the beaker shaped lid and cork stopper. The flask has a silvered insulating glass liner. The lid functions as a cup and has a gilt interior with a thread to screw it to the body. The case is wicker with two oval handles and a lid fixed by a wicker peg. It is decorated with two lighter wicker stripes and is lined with green felt.

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**Object history note**

Historical significance: The 'Thermos' or vacuum flask was invented in 1892 by Sir James Dewar. In 1904, commercial production was begun by a German company named Thermos GmbH. In 1907, the trademark rights were sold off to three companies: the American Thermos Bottle Company, Canadian Thermos Bottle Co. Ltd and the British Thermos Limited who in 1911 produced the first machine made glass filler.

**URL**

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