



Victorian Pinchbeck Chain with Turquoise Clasp | c.1850 POA

A beautifully preserved example of mid-19th century ingenuity, this long Victorian chain is crafted from Pinchbeck, a clever gold substitute invented by London clockmaker Christopher Pinchbeck.

With its rich, antique gold tone and textured surface, it offers all the warmth and visual weight of high-karat gold without the price tag it once avoided.

Measuring an impressive 122cm in length and 9mm in width, this chain was likely worn as a muff chain - looped once or twice around the neck and clipped to a fur handwarmer, or fastened with a watch or locket.

These long chains were everyday accessories for well-dressed Victorian women, offering both utility and ornament.

The clasp, a decorative barrel set with natural turquoise cabochons, is a standout in itself, suggesting the piece was as much about style as practicality.

Today, it translates beautifully into a wardrobe staple.

Worn doubled over a crisp white shirt, wrapped multiple times with fine chains for a modern stack, or left long and loose with a silk blouse - it has the easy glamour and textural richness that makes antique gold so irresistible.

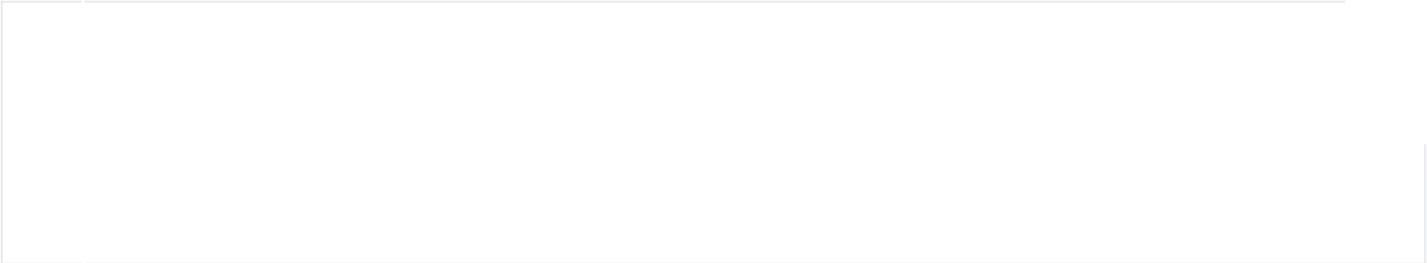
You could even clip a pendant or charm to the clasp for a personalised finish.

A piece like this has been worn, loved, and passed through time, ready to be worn again - with just as much individuality.

Available exclusively at ELTONS, Grays Antique Market, Mayfair, London.

This piece is available to purchase online at www.eltonantiquejewellery.com

Origin	British
Period	Pre 1900
Materials	Pinchbeck



Main Gemstone	Turquoise
Dimensions	122cm long 9mm wide

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