



**CAVE DECORATIVE ARTS**  
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A late 19th century bedside commode, by James Shoolbred & Co.

£1,250



REF: 1187

Height: 46 cm (18.1")

Width: 48 cm (18.9")

Depth: 43 cm (16.9")

## Description

A late 19th century walnut and ebonised bedside commode by James Shoolbred & Co., of Tottenham House, Tottenham Court Road, London, the leather-covered top opens to reveal space for a porcelain pot and the ivory maker's label, with a hidden leather-covered low step in the base, on turned feet.

James Shoolbred and Co. were established during the 1820's. Around 1860, they started manufacturing and selling furniture to their own designs, gaining a reputation for high quality pieces. Their catalogues featured room sets and became as much a guide to good taste for the Victorian home, as a sales catalogue. Such was the success that by the 1880's, Shoolbred had opened London's first large department store on the Tottenham Court Road. In the mid 1880's, Schoolbred was granted a Royal Warrant, a testament to the quality of their furniture. They ceased trading in 1931 following the financial depression of the 1920's.