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ITEM GILT-BRASS-MOUNTED WHITE OPALINE GLASS LAMP OF HEROIC SCALE
DATE ENGLISH OR EUROPEAN, *CIRCA* 1870-90; THE RESERVOIR PROBABLY BY HINKS
STAMPED RESERVOIR SIGNED BY THE RETAILER *W. WHITELEY WESTBOURNE GROVE LONDON*
DIMENSIONS HEIGHT 28 IN (71CM) BASE 9 ½ IN (24 CM)

DESCRIPTION *White opaline glass, gilt-lacquered brass; cut glass; in excellent original condition throughout with few tiny chips and discolouration marks commensurate with age and use; previously for burning oil; suitable to be wired as a table lamp.*

The stepped, gilt-lacquered brass-bound base with a very tall faceted column is surmounted by the original gilt-brass-lacquered capital and detachable cut-glass oil reservoir, which is stamped by the retailer *W Whiteley Westbourne Grove London*. This lamp was originally designed for burning oil or paraffin and is identical to those supplied by Joseph Hinks throughout the second half of the 19th century.

Hinks took over his brother's business in Birmingham, James Hinks & Son, in 1839 and built it up to being the foremost lamp manufacturer and retailer in Britain, as well as the leading supplier of all the ancillary parts including burners, shades, wicks and fittings.

This statuesque lamp can easily be wired for electricity, the cut glass reservoir unscrews easily and can be removed altogether to provide a plainer lamp base.

PRICE £3,900

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Fig. 1



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