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ENGLISH 19TH CENTURY ADJUSTABLE TUFTED LEATHER GOUT STOOL ON CASTERS



$4,500

This English adjustable gout stool dates to the 19th century and represents a specialized form of medical and domestic furniture produced for the management of gout and other inflammatory joint conditions. Designed for use in private interiors—most commonly libraries, studies, or dressing rooms—such stools were intended to elevate and support the legs while allowing the sitter to recline at a controlled angle.

The stool features a robust hardwood frame fitted with an adjustable raked mechanism, allowing the seat to be set at multiple positions. The mechanism, visible along the side rail, uses a stepped rack system typical of mid- to late-19th-century English construction. The frame is raised on turned legs terminating in original casters, enabling the piece to be moved easily within the room.

The seat and low backrest are upholstered in deeply button-tufted leather, finished with close-set nailhead trim along the edges. The leather has developed a rich, dark patina consistent with age and use, enhancing the character of the piece while retaining its original structure and function. The proportions are compact yet substantial, reflecting its purpose as a personal comfort object rather than a general seating form.

Both functional and historically specific, this gout stool is an authentic example of 19th-century English convalescent furniture. Today, it can be appreciated as a collectible medical antique or used as an accent piece in a traditional or library setting, where its unusual form and craftsmanship add depth and historical interest.

Height: 14.5 in (36.83 cm)

Width: 14 in (35.56 cm)

Depth: 24 in (60.96 cm)

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