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**AN ATTRACTIVE SATINWOOD CARLTON HOUSE  
DESK**

**Dimensions: H: 39 in / 99 cm | W: 54 in / 137 cm | D: 28 in / 71 cm**

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### An Attractive Satinwood Carlton House Desk

Of freestanding form, constructed from satinwood, with inlaid stringing, rosewood crossbanding, and extensive polychrome decoration; rising from square section tapered legs terminating in brass castor shod feet, decorated with pendant floral garlands; the apron inset with three drawers decorated with floral garlands and having gilt handles; the sliding leather inset writing surface flanked by hinged letterboxes with curved lids decorated with scenes of frolicking putti among clouds; concave cupboards at the angles with cartouches of female portraits; the central cupboard flanked by banks of stationary drawers; the front, top & sides all similarly decorated with symbols of love.

English, circa 1905



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The Carlton House desk is a type of writing desk that originated in the late 18th century in England. It is named after Carlton House, the London residence of the Prince of Wales, who would later become King George IV. The design of the desk is often attributed to George Hepplewhite, a prominent English furniture designer and cabinetmaker of the late 18th century.

These desks were not only functional but also served as status symbols and pieces of fine furniture. They became a central feature of fashionable drawing rooms and libraries in upper-class English homes.