



## 19TH CENTURY FRENCH POLISHED IRON BALANCE SCALE BRASS TRAYS AND GILT ACCENTS

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This handsome antique French balance scale was crafted in France circa 1870 and reflects the refined industrial elegance of 19th century utilitarian design. Constructed in solid iron with subtle gilt highlights, the scale features a well-proportioned horizontal beam raised on a strong architectural base with turned supports and a central pivot. The delicate lyre-form pointer, now accented in gilt, adds a graceful decorative note while maintaining functional clarity and symmetry. The pair of shallow brass trays retain a warm, softly burnished patina that contrasts beautifully with the dark iron frame and its hand-applied gilt trim along the molded base. The gilt accents, visible at the edges and surrounding the central medallion, elevate the piece beyond purely utilitarian origins and give the antique scale a refined decorative presence suitable for display. The base retains its original maker's plaque reading "Tray et Studer, Strasbourg," along with the impressed "20 KGS" cartouche and serial number 1198, indicating its original 20-kilogram capacity. These markings reinforce its authentic antique character and commercial provenance in eastern France during the late 19th century. The brass pans show light surface wear consistent with age and use, and the iron structure retains its original finish with minor oxidation and handling marks that enhance its honest, timeworn appeal. All elements remain stable and well preserved. Originally intended for commercial weighing, this antique scale now serves beautifully as a sculptural decorative object. Ideal for a kitchen island, console, wine cellar, or within a curated collection of French industrial antiques, it bridges rustic, classic, and industrial interiors with ease. Dimensions: 30.75"W x 12"D x 11"H.