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Fireplace made out of antique marble decorated with a cast iron hearth.

Cast iron hearth representing Hercules kneeling down to Omphale. At the bottom of it, it is signed “The love of Hercules”.

Cast iron hearth representing “the tea”, Chinoiserie scene based on a painting by Boucher.

Diane Cast iron hearth.

Cast iron hearth representing the mythological story of The Rape of Europe.

Cast iron hearth representing Venus and Cupid stung by a bee.

Cast iron hearth representing a romantic scene. the beauty of the cast iron hearth.

A cast iron hearth is a type of antique fireplace insert. The hearth is made of cast iron with an inner part composed up of three cast iron elements.

A fire back covers the bottom of the hearth that is also bounded on the sides by two iron plates.

The insert joins with the fireplace mantel which is usually made out of marble.

The cast iron fireplaces support an elaborately carved decoration, often featuring figures. Thus on them we find themes such as "The Rape of Europe," "Tea" Chinoiserie scene based on a painting by Boucher, or "Venus and Cupid stung by a bee".These figurative scenes are framed by foliage,plant material and flowers making up the beauty of the cast iron hearth.

See also

Cast-iron fireplace insert — Parecloses insert — The fireback — Hercules and Omphale — Andirons — The fireplace hearth slab

See our antique fireplaces