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A Strut Clock in The Manner of Thomas Cole by Howell, James & Co.

Price

GBP 2,250

| USD \$3,045 | EUR 2,633

Item Reference: SA1017281**Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Width = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

This beautiful desk timepiece is a rare strut clock, in the form of a gilded scallop shell, with an engine turned silvered roman dial set behind a bevelled glass with distinctive fleur de lis hands. The the fine movement has an excellent lever escapement. Signed on the back Howell, James & Co and numbered 283, we can date this clock to 1860-1870 based on exhibition catalogues. This clock may well have been a love token or engagement gift, the scallop shell being a symbol of Venus, Goddess of Love, and would make the perfect romantic gift. The partnership of Howell and James was founded in 1819 by James Howell and Isaac James. Originally silk merchants and retail jewellers, they were based at 5, 7 and 9 Regent Street, London. Isaac James left the partnership in 1838, with James Howell, Henry Gillett, Thomas Stroud and William Sedgwick continuing the business under the name of Howell, James & Co. Howell, James & Co exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the International Exhibition of 1862 to great fanfare, they exhibited similar strut clocks to this model. Enjoying heightened success, they opened further display rooms at their premises on Regent Street in 1860. I...

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