

SA1044979

Edwardian Cased Pocket Damp Protector Or Hygrometer

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1044979****Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 1 cm (0.4")

Width = 1 cm (0.4")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

A unusual Edwardian pocket size Damp Detector or hygrometer contained within a blue velvet lined leather case. In good working order and excellent condition. Case size. 4.5 x 4.5 x 1.25 cm These instruments gained popularity during the latter part of the 19th century where they were devised for measuring how damp cloth and linens were when they were returned from laundries used by the wealthy due to the lack of home facilities. The fear of cold and flu was a tangible concern at the time and these 'pocket damp detectors' were recommended for use in an 1889 publication named, "Suggestions to mothers on the management of their children" to ensure that healthy standards were met. Due to their portability, they are also considered to have been used for travelling purposes and the testing of hotel linens and overnight facilities.

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