

SA1119193

FINE FITTED "PALAIS ROYALE" SEWING BOX

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1119193****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 15.5 cm (6.1")

Width = 30 cm (11.8")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

Description

A fine quality and complete mid-19th century French musical "PIANO" SEWING BOX in lovely condition. The box itself is of Grand Piano shape, with inlaid "keyboard" and flame mahogany veneers whilst supported on five turned and ebonised legs. The top opens to reveal the fully-fitted interior with the wonderful original contents (protected by an original silk pad) which include mother-of-pearl thimble; scissors; stiletto; needle-case; cotton reels; bodkin; scent bottle etc., and full set of four MOP "snowflake" winders. The pad of tools and implements can be lifted out to reveal compartments below, one of which contains the original French musical movement which plays two tunes and is in perfect "melodious" working order. Complete with winding and locking keys. circa 1850-65. 12ins wide; 7.5ins deep front-to-back and 6.25ins high. ** The Palais Royale was originally built in 1633 as a palace for Cardinal Richelieu and was initially called "Palais Cardinal". Late in the 18th century it was converted into a number of prestigious fashionable shops with a separate theatre and gardens. These shops, removed from the dirty streets into genteel covered retail passages, became fa...

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