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A Rare and Original Victorian Zoetrope 'Wheel of Life' c.1890

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1129426****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Description

A rare an original Victorian Zoetrope (The Wheel of Life) c. 1890. This amazing piece consits of a black metal drum on a mahogany turned stand. The drum has slits all round it and inside are many different paper optical strips for the game. More information is below. A zoetrope is a pre-film animation device that produces the illusion of motion, by displaying a sequence of drawings showing progressive phases of motion. The definitive version of the zoetrope, with replaceable film picture film strips, was introduced as a toy by Milton Bradley in 1866 and became very successful. The zoetrope consists of a cylinder or drum with cuts vertically in the sides. On the inner surface of the cylinder is a band of paper strips with images from a set of sequenced pictures. As the cylinder spins, the user looks through the cuts at the pictures across. The scanning of the slits keeps the pictures from simply blurring together, and the user sees a rapid succession of images, producing the illusion of motion. The zoetrope works on the principle of its predecessor, the phenakistoscope, but is more convenient and allows the animation to be viewed by several people at the same time. The se...

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