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Victorian taxidermy – ‘Dairy Maid’ a hunts noted fox hound mounted by the famous Victorian taxidermist ‘Peter Spicer’ of Royal Leamington Spa

Price

GBP 5,000

| USD \$6,817 | EUR 5,835

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Date of manufacture: 1890

Description

An expensive commission in its day to commemorate a very special hound. Beautifully modelled and mounted on a polished elm shield, with the gilt legend Dairy Maid 1896 Craven Vagabond-Duchess Reference: The sire Craven Vagabond (1893) was a particular distinguished sire, he was bred by the Craven hunt under the leadership of Major Gerald Ricardo a renowned hound breeder. The following is an extract: Great breeders of foxhounds seldom produce a formula for their success. They usually possess flair for breeding animals and this gift cannot be passed on. They know that certain strains of blood (nick) and others do not. They know how to blend pedigree with pedigree so that the produce conforms to the type as well as the breeding which they require. Hound breeding is not as simple as might be supposed from an article written in 1898 by Major Gerald Ricardo, the MFH of the Craven, and breeder of that beautiful Peterborough Champion, Craven VAGABOND (1893). His theory on the breeding of foxhounds was simple in the extreme: ‘Breed from the best bitch in the pack, and try to put her to the best dog in England, if procurable. As good fortune had it he selected Warwickshire HERMI...

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