

SA1190673

Antique silver Longines pocket watch, Sir John Bennett

Price

GBP 185

| USD \$250 | EUR 216

Item Reference: SA1190673

Date of manufacture: 1880

Description

Antique silver Longines pocket watch, Sir John Bennett. The watch has a Longines movement which is working nicely. The regulator carries the Longines logo. It is all protected by an inner cover which has the wording, 'Maker to the Royal Observatory, John Bennett, 65 & 64 Cheapside, London'. Sir John Bennett (1814 – 1897) was one of the most controversial characters in British horology and, in many aspects one of the most advanced. He greatly advocated the Swiss methods of manufacture where parts were interchangeable rather than being made for each individual watch. This put him in conflict with many of his colleagues. It was even said that the establishment of the British Horological Institute was designed to protect decent watchmakers from “new brooms” like Bennett. The watch measures 41mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside both of the case backs for London 1884 with a sponsor's mark for Arthur Baume of Baume & Co, importers of watches including Longines. The case is handsomely decorated on all sides, and it is in beautiful condition. The glass lens is in lovely condition (some natural light re...

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