

SA1192024

Victorian taxidermy – Greater Bird of Paradise by A Pollard. Circa 1900

Price

GBP 2,600

| USD \$3,545 | EUR 3,034

Item Reference: SA1192024**Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 50 cm (19.7")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Depth = 50 cm (19.7")

Description

The bird modelled within a large squat glass dome, by a once prominent London taxidermist who is now almost forgotten. 50cm Diameter x 50cm High. Until purchasing this case, I had never heard of this taxidermist. Initially I assumed the case was by Rowland Ward as the quality is impeccable, but it was not until I looked closer, I spotted his small trade label amongst the ground work. The trade label gives his address as '8 Park Terrace' but Pollard has put a line through this and altered it to read "48 Park Road, Regents Park, London NW" presumably due to a change of address. It turns out that A. Pollard was a prominent taxidermist and naturalist in London in the late 19th & early 20th Century, and is noted as being ex Rowland Wards, hence the similarity. Wards being the famous London taxidermists who's trade mark "the Jungle" says it all. But there is an interesting twist. Pollards was featured in print, the famous lithograph titled "Naturalist, Furrier, Plumassier" is from the illustrated book "High Street" which was printed in 1938. Out of all the shops and taxidermy establishments it was A Pollards that was chosen. Without this little coincidence, I think old Poll...

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