

SA1204854

NINETEENTH CENTURY MOUNTED DIPLEIDOSCOPE BY EJ DENT 61 THE STRAND

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1204854****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian dipheidroscope on stand by EJ Dent of 61 the Strand, London. A very rare variant of this rare instrument, it comes complete with its dust cap stating, "Dent's Patent Meridian Instrument, 61 Strand, London", an adjustable, red filtered telescope lens attachment to allow the user a focused view of their observations and is attached to a brass circular mount with engraved reference number, "1213". The mount is further attached to a heavy iron platform with screw for fine adjustment of the instruments position when in situ. The green painted iron base has two further receiving holes and large groove underneath which clearly would have been used to seat the instrument on a pre-defined base. This would allow the instrument to be removed for its protection and storage and would allow it to be resealed for use without the need for repeat calibration. It has been kept in extraordinarily good condition, perhaps the best I have seen. This rare variant of the dipheidroscope appears in Dent's "A Description of the Dipheidroscope", where it is described as follows: "Dipheidroscope fitted up with a telescope, and having all the usual meridian and vertical ad...

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