

SA1206365

Victorian Hot Bed Thermometer by Patrick Adie of London

Price

GBP 695

| USD \$940 | EUR 813

Item Reference: SA1206365

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 77 cm (30.3")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a rare hot bed thermometer by Patrick Adie of 395 Strand, London. Comprised of a black painted brass tube with spiked end surmounted with a mahogany frame containing a two-piece inverted thermometer scale each side of the thermometer tube which runs through the length of the instrument. The scale is divided for 30 – 100 degrees Fahrenheit and is engraved to the maker, "Adie 395 Strand, London". The thermometer is protected by a hinged mahogany door with hook and eye catch to the front of the scale and is topped with a turned mahogany handle for easy insertion and extraction from the soil. The instrument measures 77cm in length. Exotic plant gardening in Britain increased dramatically from around 1780 and grew exponentially throughout the early to mid-Victorian period. The onset of enclosed kitchen gardens and glass houses required gardeners and horticulturists to more accurately monitor soil temperatures to ensure safety of vulnerable plants and to monitor composting temperatures. In differentiation to soil thermometers, these hot-bed thermometer were therefore provided with scales which would allow for higher temperature readings. An example image is also pro...

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