

SA1206538

French Victorian Patent Alarm Clock in Original Case by Antoine Redier of Paris

Price

GBP 395

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Item Reference: SA1206538

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 7 cm (2.8")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian French patent alarm clock in original card case by Antoine Redier of Paris. This simple yet iconic timekeeping mechanism was patented by Antoine Redier the famous French clockmaker and inventor in 1847. Earlier claims have been made over the first alarm clock, but Redier's invention was undoubtedly the first scale manufactured example and the first to have received a formal patent. Comprised of a two-and-a-half-inch case with a front dial engraved with Arabic numerals from 1 – 12. The centre dial has a knurled brass knob with steel pointer which can be adjusted to set the time in which the owner wishes to be awoken. The interior of the original card case describes in both French and English the means by which it should be employed. "HOW TO MAKE USE OF THIS ALARM Set the handle the number of hours after which you like to be awoke. – Eg; It is ten o'clock, and you wish to be awakened at a quarter past six; move the hand to a quarter past eight. Wind up the spring, and place the box on a table, giving at the same time an impulsion to the pendulum. – London and Paris." With reference to the winding mechanism, the reverse of the case is ...

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