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Late Victorian Cased Sausurre Hair Hygrometer by Poulenc Freres of Paris

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,688 | EUR 1,462

Item Reference: SA1211501**Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Description

For sale, a French late Victorian period cased Saussure type hair hygrometer by Poulenc Freres of Paris. Constructed around a lacquered brass rectangular frame with attached wall hanging loop, a piece of hair is clamped at the top with the clamp attached to a screw mechanism which allows for adjustment of tautness. The hair is suspended through the centre of the frame and similarly clamped to the base pointer mechanism which has fine balance adjustment to allow the pointer to traverse the scale. A long brass pointer transfers the movement of the hair up to a central silvered scale plate measuring 30 to 100 degrees of humidity. A second silvered and engraved plate is attached above the scale with the maker's name, "Les Etablissements Poulenc Frères, Constructeurs, Paris". The instrument retains its original fitted walnut case with hook and eye fastenings and its original makers plaque to the lid. The Poulenc company dates back to the early Nineteenth Century when baker Pierre Wittmann took ownership of the Hedouin pharmacy in Rue Saint-Merri, Paris. Wittmann had previously trained as a pharmacy technician and his interest in chemistry coincided with the rise of photogr...

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