

SA29853

London 1894 solid silver match safe of large size.

Price

GBP 100

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Item Reference: SA29853

Date of manufacture: 1890

Description

London 1894 Victorian English hallmarked solid silver matchsafe of large size, and heavy weight. Maker is Henry Titterton Brockwell trading as Brockwell & Son. Vesta cases and match safes are airtight cases made to contain short friction matches and keep them safe and dry. They were made in many materials, and some in precious metals like this one, usually with gilt linings, to protect against corrosion from the match heads. They were widely made and used from 1890-1920. Many had a loop attached, like this one, to attach to an Albert chain. Now, they are very collectable and interesting small antique silver items. Size-2 3/8 inches long by 2 1/8 inches wide, and weighing 50 grams. Hallmarks are rubbed, and there are some age commensurate dints and minor line marks to safe, showing it was well used and enjoyed. The solid fold down clasp and side piano hinge are very tight, secure and even. Match safes were meant to hold matches, but can now also be used for pills, two photos and the like. A nice well made, heavy and large example.

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