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A RARE ENTOMOLOGICAL DRYING CABINET BY J.T.CROCKETT OF CAVENDISH SQUARE, LONDON. CIRCA 1880.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA370407****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Description

THIS IS A VERY UNUSUAL AND LARGE DRYING CABINET MADE BY J.T.CROCKETT OF CAVENDISH SQUARE, LONDON AROUND 1880. THIS WILL REALLY APPEAL TO THE ENTOMOLOGIST WITH AN INTEREST IN THE 'HEY DAY' HISTORY OF THE PURSUIT AND ALL THE SPECIAL PARAPHERNALIA THAT GREW AROUND IT. THIS MAHOGANY CABINET WOULD HAVE BEEN USED IN THE FIELD OR STUDY, TO HOLD, IN SAFETY, SET SPECIMENS STILL ON THE SETTING BOARD UNTIL DRY AND READY FOR TRANSFER TO THE CABINET OR STORE BOX. NORMALLY SMALLER IN CONSTRUCTION AND NEVER BEFORE IN MY EXPERIENCE, LABELLED WITH A MAKERS NAME. THE CABINET HAS TWO LOCKABLE DOORS, ONE OPENING TO THE DRYING CHAMBER WITH PERFORATED ZINC FOR AIR FLOW AND THE REAR DOOR TO A CORKED AND PAPERED AREA FOR THE INSPECTION AND SELECTION OF SET OR PRE-SET SPECIMENS. BOTH LOCKS WORK PERFECTLY AND HAVE THE ORIGINAL KEYS AND THE CABINET HAS AN INSET CAMPAIGN STYLE CARRYING HANDLE TO THE TOP. A COMPREHENSIVE STOCK OF ORIGINAL SETTING BOARDS ARE HELD WITHIN ON BEARER RUNNERS. DIMENSIONS. HEIGHT. 20.5 INCHES. WIDTH. 14.75 INCHES. FRONT TO BACK. 10.5 INCHES. A FASCINATING AND STILL USABLE PIECE OF VINTAGE ENTOMOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT BY A LEADING LONDON MAKER OF THE DAY.

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