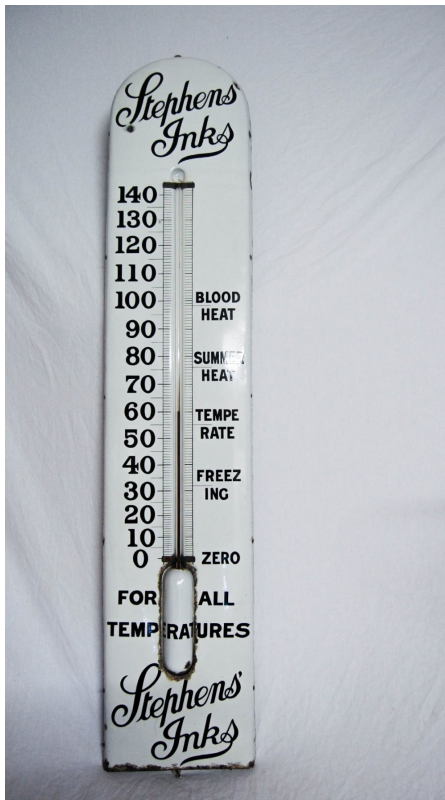


SA436818

An Early Twentieth Century Giant Stephen's Ink Thermometer Advertising Sign

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA436818****Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 155 cm (61.0")

Width = 32 cm (12.6")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

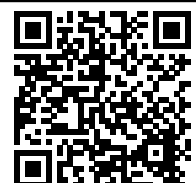
Description

A "giant" Stephen's Ink tin advertising sign with integral thermometer. Measuring 155cms this amazing sign from the early twentieth century was provided by Stephen's Ink Company to advertise on the side of newsagents and railway stations throughout the UK. The sign reads "Stephen Ink for all temperatures" a reference to the durability and usability of the patent inks that they manufactured. It has a Fahrenheit scale which reads from 0 to 140 and has an enormous spirit filled thermometer running through a central groove. Stephen's Inks were formed in 1832 by Henry Stephens and registered at 54 Lower Stamford Street, Southwark. Benefitting from the introduction of the penny post in the 1840's, the company went on to take part in the Great Exhibition of 1851 and had continued success at various worldwide exhibitions that continued throughout the nineteenth century. Upon Stephen's death in 1864, his family continued the business, his son later becoming Conservative MP for Hornsey & Finchley. He resigned in 1900 owing to his opposition to the Boer War. In the early twentieth century, Stephen's Inks would be used during Scott's ill-fated mission to the South Pole and were a...

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