

SA495391

Early Victorian Desk Thermometer by CA Canti & Son, New Peckham, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA495391****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 9 cm (3.5")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

An early Victorian cast brass and bone desk thermometer by CA Canti & Son of New Peckham, London. The thermometer is constructed of painted cast brass in the Gothic Revival style with arched top and figural motifs. It has a brass column to either side of the bone thermometer scale plate and four footed base with floral motifs. The scale plate contains the original thermometer which reads from thirty to one hundred Fahrenheit. The additional markings are for "blood heat, summer heat, temperate & freezing". To the top of the scale plate is the manufacturer's name of "CA Canti & Son". The Gothic Revival style of the piece was a very recognisable genre during the period, and was popularised by the likes of AWN Pugin and John Ruskin. The most prominent example of the style can still be seen in the Houses of Parliament which was rebuilt over a 30 year period from the 1830's to the 1860's after a devastating fire. It is therefore, understandable that the decorative architectural motifs of the style began to feed into decorative objects that were manufactured at the time. This is a rare and early style of desk thermometer, I have seen one other which was retailed by Negretti &...

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