

SA565991

Small Edwardian Leather Cased Travelling Thermometer by WE Pain of Cambridge

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA565991****Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 11 cm (4.3")

Width = 2 cm (0.8")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

For sale, an unusually small leather cased travelling thermometer by WE Pain of Cambridge. The hinged case measures just 11.5cms by 2.5cms and is of wooden construction with a morocco leather covering and a push clasp opening catch. It is further monogrammed with gilt lettering to "H.S. - 1905" presumably the owner. The inside of the case is lined with purple velvet to the base and white silk to the lid and remain nicely intact. The bone thermometer may be removed by means of small silk pull and measures 10cms by 1.5cms and 0.5cms thick. It has both Fahrenheit and Centigrade scales and has an adjustable suspension ring to the back. It is also signed to the maker WE Pain of Cambridge. The retailer of this extraordinarily small travelling thermometer WE Pain were established in Cambridge (according to their shopfront) from 1827 and continued to trade until the early 2000's. Little information has been published about this longstanding regional firm but the founder WE Pain seems to have been a keen contributor to scientific endeavours in the city during the nineteenth century. He is noted as an associate of the Cambridge Philosophical Society in the 1880's but must have...

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