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Unusual Hall's Patent Hip Flask by James Dixon and Sons c.1885

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA583079****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 10.8 cm (4.3")

Width = 10.8 cm (4.3")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

A rare English hip flask dating to the late Victorian era, around 1885. This unusual, electro-plated Hip Flask was made by James Dixon & Son to the patent design of Joseph Hall. Both Hall and Dixon were from Sheffield and the latter's business was large enough to cope with the demand for Hall's design. Hall described his patent in his application of 1881 thus: In carrying into effect my invention, the orifice of the neck of the flask or bottle is made at the side instead of at the end, and a partition or division is made across the neck of the flask or bottle where the neck is joined to the body, and the partition or division is pierced at the under side to allow the liquid in the flask to flow into the neck. Given that you could easily drink from the flask without the risk of air bubbles or spillage, a cup was not needed. Joseph Hall patented his flask in several countries and although it appears that it was a very popular design at the time, relatively few of these flask are seen now. The underside is where the full mark can be found for James Dixon. Excellent condition measuring 4 1/4" wide x 4 1/4" tall x 1" thick. Item ID: 40658 FREE Worldwide Registered Airmail...

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