

SA604776

Early Victorian Magic Lantern Chromatrobe Slide by WE & F Newton of Fleet Street.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA604776****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 11 cm (4.3")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian hand painted magic lantern kaleidoscope chromatrobe slide by WE & F Newton. This early example of a rackwork chromatrobe was seen as a development on the earliest versions which were operated by means of a pulley system. This earlier system was somewhat fragile and prone to sagging of the string that drove the mechanism so the development of two hand painted contra-rotating glass discs enclosed in a toothed brass ring was quickly conceived to drive out these inconsistencies. The rings were in turn driven by a shaft that protruded from the end of the slide and which had a toothed cog driving wheel at one end and wooden handle for operation. This example is stamped on both sides of the wooden body to the short lived partnership of WE & F Newton and further states, "opticians and globe makers to the Queen, Fleet Steet, Temple Bar, London". It also confirms its early date of manufacture owing to the partnership only being in existence from 1851 – 1856. The paintwork remains clear and shows a range of colours including blues, greens and black. The chromatrobe is considered to have been the invention of the English glass painter and showman Henry...

Seller Details

Jason Clarke Antiques

Newbury Berkshire United Kingdom



Tel: 07815 046645

International Tel: +44 7815 046645