

SA604953

An unusual antique silver
Borgel cased Tavannes pocket
watch.

Price

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Item Reference: SA604953

Date of manufacture: 1910

Description

An unusual antique silver Borgel cased Tavannes pocket watch. The Tavannes Watch Company was founded in 1891 by Henri-Frédéric Sandoz and his partners, wealthy fabric merchants. The company was very successful and very soon they were exporting to several countries including Canada, Russia, United States, and the Far East. By 1905, the company was producing 450,000 watches a year and over the next four years, this rose to three quarters of a million watches a year. The company was constantly looking at ways to improve and in 1910 they won the Gold Medal at the Grand Prix de Bruxelles. This particular watch has a signed 3/4 plate stem-winding pin set movement, which is working nicely. The watch itself measures 51mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the loop. The case is silver and there are continental .935 silver marks inside the case back, with a case maker's for François Borgel. Borgel patented the eponymous Borgel watch case in 1891, a real step forward in waterproof and dustproof watches cases, making pocket watch cases first and subsequently moving onto wrist watches as fashions changed. François Borgel was a successful inventor and business man,...

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