

SA618597

French Victorian Bourdon Aneroid Barometer on Stand by Jules Richard of Paris

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA618597****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 27 cm (10.6")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

For sale a French Victorian Bourdon aneroid barometer on walnut stand with movement by Jules Richard and a bevelled glass painted 6.5" dial. This rare example of a bourdon barometer has a six and a half inch glass painted dial showing 73 to 79 of barometric pressure, French weather indications and a retailer's stamp showing the initials "SL" either side of a three stemmed candelabra design. It has a blue steel indicating hand and a brass pointer operated by a knurled knob to the front of the glass. The movement has Eugene Bourdon's tell-tale crescent shaped flattened vacuum tube with tear dropped fan shaped rack operated by twin levers and is stamped to the movement base with Jules Richard's initials, the word "brevete" meaning patented and the serial number, "22357". The barometer has a graduated brass case with adjustment hole to the centre of the back plate. The French engineer Eugene Bourdon (1808-1884) was an early competitor to Lucien Vidi (inventor of the bellows movement) registering his crescent shaped mechanism design in 1849; it was originally produced under licence with Felix Richard (Bourdon & Richard), and continued to be produced by his son Jules Richa...

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