

SA626506

Cased Mid-Victorian Silk Twisting Machine by Fritz Hillenhagen of Crefeld Germany

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA626506****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 8 cm (3.1")

Width = 83 cm (32.7")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

For sale, a cased nineteenth century silk twisting machine by Fritz Hillenhagen of Crefeld Germany. This rare and unusual instrument is comprised of a mahogany hinged case with green velvet to the lid interior and ebonised interior base. The left side has a spring loaded bar incorporated into a solid brass decorative base to which silk strands may be attached. The right side has a similar brass attachment to secure the other end of the silk but it is attached to a clockwork winding mechanism housed in brass case with chamfered edge detailing. The top of the winding mechanism contains two numeric scales marked from 10 to 300, both engraved in Italian to either side, the first stating "filato" and other "torto" and a circular plate with small bone knob which allows for the scales to be reset after use. The right hand side of the mechanism is provided with a small handle to operate the twist mechanism once the silk is attached. The top is further engraved to "F. Hillenhagen, Crefeld" and the space between the left and right hand stations has a cushioned velvet covered bar running its length. The town of Crefeld (now Krefeld) in Germany has a long history associated with th...

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