

SA632457

Antique Reliance pocket watch by Robert Ingersoll

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA632457****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Reliance pocket watch by Robert H Ingersoll. The watch has a seven jewel stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is signed Robt H Ingersoll & Bro. Robert Ingersoll initially established a very successful mail order company, he concentrated on designing items that the public would want such as the dollar toy typewriter and the dollar sewing machine. The company became hugely successful and then came up with the idea of a small clock, ie, a watch. This idea had been put into production by other companies but not with huge success. So Ingersoll placed an order for 1000 clock watches and they were sold for one dollar each. The watches sold so well that Ingersoll placed another order for 10,000. In 1908 the company purchased the Trenton Watch Company and in 1914 the New England Watch Company. In 1917 they introduced the Reliance watch, as we have here. This had a higher-grade movement and was not considered a dollar watch because it was a jewelled movement. The watch measures 49mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is nickel. The front of the case is in good condition. The screw-on case back has some unevenness. T...

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