

SA638707

TUNBRIDGE WRITING SLOPE WITH RARE SCENE

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA638707****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 9 cm (3.5")

Width = 31 cm (12.2")

Depth = 25.5 cm (10.0")

Description

A really good mid-19th century marquetrie Tunbridgeware WRITING SLOPE in particularly fine original condition. The sloping lid features a rare marquetrie scene of Dover Castle within a border of oak leaves. It opens fore-and-aft to reveal the original red velvet writing surface and a pair of inkwells both with original Tunbridge tops together with concave pen section and a lidded compartment with a Tunbridgeware lid. The quality of the marquetrie in this box is astonishing. 12.25ins (31cms) wide. ***Tunbridge-ware is a form of decorative woodwork, typically boxes, that was made in the spa town of Tunbridge Wells in the 18th & 19th centuries. The decoration consists of a mosaic of many very small pieces of different coloured woods to form a pictorial vignette.

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