

SA666881

French Edwardian Clockwork Zephyr Fan by The Zephyr Fan Company Paris

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA666881****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 34 cm (13.4")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

For sale, a French Edwardian period nickel plated clockwork zephyr fan by The Zephyr Company of Paris. This ingenious device is comprised of a nickel plated brass body with weighted base, reeded column and windmill styled head all of which is festooned with Art Nouveau type decoration and two mythological characters which presumably depicts Zephyrus, the ancient God of the West wind and bringer of summer breezes. The fan head has three blades connected to a fixed shaft with a screw mechanism to the top which serves as a speed regulator or rudimentary on/off switch. The back is fitted with its original decorative key and once fully wound, the fan blows for around fourteen minutes before the spring is fully unwound. The base of the head is stamped with, "The Zephyr Co Paris" to one side and "GK Patent SGDG" to the other and the same is repeated around the keyhole at the back. The latter initials relate to the patentee Gabriel Kaiser who took out the patent for this fan on the 12th of July 1902. Little is known of Kaiser although his invention included numerous variations of the fan according to the information lodged in the patent application. The following can be read ...

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