

SA683367

Late Victorian Collapsible Artificial Horizon by Cary of London in Original Case

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA683367****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

For sale, a late Victorian mercury type collapsible artificial horizon by Cary of London. This top quality instrument is comprised of a mahogany hinged case with original lock and additional hook and eye fixings to the front. Contained within the box is a black painted metal trough and triangular lid with a two paned glass top to enable viewing and to protect the mercury from the elements when in use. The case engraved to, "Cary, London" is hinged in such a way that it can be collapsed flat for convenient storage. The box also contains its original painted metal mercury flask with ingenious reversible lid to allow for the decanting of the mercury back from the trough into safe keeping after use. Please note, there is no mercury present with this piece. In addition to the engraving on the instrument, there is a second label on the box for the reseller, Henry Hughes & Son Ltd, Opticians, 59 Fenchurch St, London. Most extant examples of this collapsible type seem to be made by the Cary firm although I can find no form evidence to confirm that it was invented by this company. However, the Porter family who were the last owners of the Cary name advertised an improved exampl...

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