

SA742678

Rare Early Nineteenth Century French Polyaldes Telescope by Cauchoix Paris

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA742678

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 32 cm (12.6")

Width = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Depth = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Description

For sale, a very rare early nineteenth Century French two draw "polyaldes" telescope by Robert-Aglae Cauchoix of Paris. Comprised of a walnut barrel, the telescope extends to 66cms (or 72cms with the sunshade extended) and 32cms closed. The objective lens measures one inch in diameter with the lens cap in place or one and three quarter inches without. The second draw is inscribed with the maker's name "Cauchoix a Paris" and the first draw is engraved with a scale from 15 to 30. Cauchoix developed this telescope in 1815 and it bears many similarities to David Brewster's invention produced by William Harris in 1811 (see my website) although there is nothing to suggest that Cauchoix's example involved any plagiarism. Cauchoix released a phamplet at the time to provide an introduction to his invention which is included in translation below. The original document is also included in the sale. "All who have used telescopes have had occasion to notice that, in foggy times, these instruments give too dark images, and that, in calm times, do not magnify the objects as much as one would wish. They are also criticized for having little field, that is to say, for embracing too smal...

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