

SA798797

Antique niello ware Swiss pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA798797****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique niello ware Swiss pocket watch. The watch has a 15-jewel stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is protected by an inner hinged cover which has various details about the movement and also trade medals won at the Bernese-Cantonal Industrial and Commercial Exhibition in Thun in 1899. The watch measures 50mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is niello ware onto 800 silver. Niello is a black mixture, usually of sulphur, copper, silver, and lead, used as an inlay on engraved or etched metal, especially silver. It is added as a powder or paste, then fired until it melts or at least softens, and flows or is pushed into the engraved lines in the metal. As well as being niello, there is a hunting scene to the back of the watch, with details picked out with a rose gold wash. The case is in very nice condition. The watch has an acrylic lens which is in good condition. The off-white dial has a lovely look, especially with the ornate pin-set hour and minute hands. There is an old repair at numbers 4 and 5 but not immediately noticeable to the naked eye. The watch comes in a new presentation box.

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