

SA835122

Late Victorian Cased Dynamometer by S Maw Son & Thompson London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA835122****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

For sale, a late Victorian cased dynamometer by S Maw Son & Thompson. Created to test hand strength, this interesting medical item is comprised of an oval piece of steel with a piece of steel attached to the inner circle of the instrument. The user squeezes the oval ring and this action presses the steel rod onto the scale which is attached at the base. The more pressure exerted on the ring, the harder the rod affects the scale reading. The shield shaped scale plate is comprised of a gilt brass scale measuring 0 to 130 pounds of pressure with a blue steel pointer which can be reset by hand. It is engraved to the centre for "Maw London". (I will of course only admit to achieving personal readings of over 110 lb's....ahem.....) The instrument retains its original oval case with purple silk and velvet interior. The silk lid is gilt embossed with the company name of S Maw, Son & Thompson, London" with the trademark to the centre. Sadly the leather outer covering of the case is in a less than perfect state but it has ensured that the instrument has remained well protected over its 150 year existence. The Maw dynasty were a huge supplier of medical instruments during the Ninete...

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