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Early Victorian Gilt Cased Patent Pedometer by Payne of 165 New Bond Street London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA862992****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Width = 4.5 cm (1.8")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian gilt metal cased Patent Pedometer by Payne of 165 New Bond Street, London. This fascinating early pedometer is comprised of a one and a half inch ceramic dial with Roman numerals and single blue steel pointer. It is marked to Payne, 165 New Bond Street with serial 959 and the word Patent below. The delicate case has a fine bezel with watch glass to the front and superb rose engine turned detail to the reverse. It has a suspension loop to the top to allow it to be attached to a watch chain. The bezel is opened by a nail clasp to the top right of the hanging loop and the movement accessed by depressing a catch at the base. The inside of the case is marked with the case maker's initials of "AT". The maker of this fine instrument were the clockmakers William Payne who began trading in 1811 at 62 South Moulton Street in London. By 1825, Payne had moved to 163 Bond Street from where on the 15th of February 1831 he lodged his patent, "Pedometer for the waistcoat pocket" (No: 6078). The invention was evidently well accepted as it continued to be produced until at least the 1870's however this example has an extremely early serial number. William Pay...

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