

SA867199

Victorian Tabletop Revolving Stereoscope by A. Matthey of Paris

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA867199

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

For sale, a Late Victorian French tabletop revolving stereoscope by A Matthey, Paris. Comprised of a beautiful walnut two part body raised on small feet with a skirted base and a decorative cast iron hinged handle with floral motifs to each side. Two large ebonised wooden handles are also provided either side for changing the slides within the viewer and a pair of smaller Bakelite knobs above which provide focus adjustment for the two eyepieces to the front of the instrument. The reserve of the stereoscope has an opaque glass panel to allow the ingress of light for the illumination of glass slides and the top section is equipped with two doors which can be opened for use in conjunction with paper slides. The front section being provided with a mirror to direct light into the instrument and the back one stamped with a serial number 1234, Matthey's trademark of 8&9 within a lozenge and the words Brevete denoting the patent for the instrument. The interior of the stereoscope is accessed by means of a hinged top section to the body. It opens to reveal an ingenious chain driven cassette which allows the loading of fifty slides into specially designed metal holders. The slides...

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