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Art Deco Dragoyle Air Tester by John Swain & Son Ltd

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA905860****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 8 cm (3.1")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

For sale, a scarce and very complete example of an early Twentieth Century Dragoyle Air Tester, retailed by John Swain & Son Limited of 89-92 Shoe Lane, London. It needs little more introduction than the quote from Dr EE Slosson Director of Science Service, Washington DC. "The Dragoyle works to a charm. The only fault I have to find with it is that it is such a fascinating creature that I waste my time watching its manoeuvres when I should be working. Also, it attracts the attention of my visitors and distracts their attention from me, because they all want to know what it is for and how it works" The following transcript forms part of the original marketing documentation for this super Art Deco period novelty. Dr Slosson's personal insecurities aside, the Dragoyle was given serious consideration in a 1926 article of The Analyst and although it was given merit, it was not considered "an instrument of precision". Nevertheless, a rare, interesting and somewhat bizarre attempt to productise meteorology instruments. I adore it! THE AIR-TESTER (British Patent No: 230617/24) The barometer measures the pressure of air. The thermometer measures the temperature of the air. Th...

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