

SA956559

Late Victorian Robinson-Beckley Anemometer by J Hicks of Hatton Garden

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA956559****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 36 cm (14.2")

Description

For sale, a rare Late Victorian Robinson - Beckley's Anemometer by J Hicks of Hatton Garden, London. Comprised of four copper hemispherical cups attached by arms to a brass vertical rod and secured at the top by means of a brass screw. The axis is attached to a case with glazed front containing the geared mechanism for recording the revolutions of the cups when exposed to the wind. A ceramic scale plate with fixed and hand operated indicators is provided at the front and below is a silvered plaque with the maker details engraved, "J Hicks Maker. 8,9 & 10 Hatton Gardens, London". Commonly described singularly as a Robinson's cup anemometer, this simpler form was in fact produced in conjunction with Robert Beckley who was the Mechanical Assistant at Kew Observatory from 1853 – 1872 and was Grandfather to Robert Whipple, founder of The Whipple Museum in Cambridge. It is in effect a simpler and more portable version of Dr Thomas Romney Robinson's famous invention which he produced in 1850 and which had numerous concentric scales for longer term measurement periods. It is described in Casella's catalogues as follows: "Beckley's Improved Anemometer – It will be seen by t...

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