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J. Bürk - Portable Watchman's Clock



520 EUR

Signature : Johannes Bürk (1819-1872)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Brass

Diameter : 78 mm

Depth : 14 mm

Description

J. Bürk - Portable watchman's clock
Germany - End of nineteenth century

Rare example of the first portable watchman's clock

Guilted brass case

One original key (and one replaced)

Genuine white dial in excellent condition

Black roman numbers

Unique hours hand indicating the time passed

Diameter: 78 mm.

Thickness: 41 mm.

Brass numbered (26861) on the handle

Gross weight: 620 g (Without key).

Dealer

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The clock was used to check the working hours

The clock is in really good condition (!)

One key is missing

(I couldn't understand for which function it was...)

Fully serviced by a professional watchmaker in June 2020, it is of course in perfect working order...

Johannes Bürk (1819-1872)

The inventor, politician and entrepreneur was born on July the 3rd, 1819 in Schwenningen am Neckar and invented the portable watchman's clock in 1855, with which the presence of guards could be documented at certain times. Watches of this type were produced at the Württembergische Uhrenfabrik Bürk, which had been established by Bürk in 1855. From the beginning on, the company specialized in the manufacture of time recording equipment of any kind and had patents in Germany and the UK. In 1872 Richard Bürk took over the technical management, while his brother Hugo Bürk was responsible for the commercial management. Since the 1920s, clocks for railway systems were also being produced.
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