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Betts Patent Terrestrial Globe

Sold



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Height: 72.36 cm (28.5")

Width: 43.16 cm (17")

Depth: 43.16 cm (17")

Description

A Betts's Portable Terrestrial Globe made of 8 gores of waxed linen on a metal umbrella mechanism to expand it for use.

To collapse the Globe, a catch is released on its central metal tube, just like an umbrella. There is a brass hanging ring to the top of the globe and a finial to the opposite end of the tube. This example would originally have had a cardboard tube to protect it when not in use, earlier ones had a wooden box. The nature of their operation means that this form of globe needs care in its use. Many didn't survive or are in ripped and damaged condition. The condition of this example is very good.

It was produced by George Philip & Son Ltd of 32 Fleet Street and Philip Son & Nephew Ltd of 20 Church Street, Liverpool and printed in Great Britain. The original design was patented by John Betts in 1856 of 115 Strand. Philips produced the globe from the late 19th century after Betts' death. This example can be dated quite accurately to 1918 to 1919 as Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland (the countries that formed the Austria-Hungarian Empire) are shown as independent. Ireland also became independent in 1919 but is still shown as part of Great Britain.

Good examples of the Betts Portable Terrestrial Globe are hard to find, and the condition of this example is very good. Circa 1918.

Expanded size is given.