Unusual Kit Bag Lock

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Height: 5.71 cm (2.2")

Width: 11.43 cm (4.5")

Depth: 1.27 cm (0.5")

Description

An unusual brass Kit Bag Lock.

Most Kit Bag locks are far simpler than this one, with a brass bar with a slot to one end that fits over the flattened end of the rod handle, which has a hole to take a padlock. This version has a brass tube which the flattened end of the handle passes though. The end of the handle is not only flattened but is also cut with a hook. The hook catches a ratchet inside the tube and its cut hole lines up with a hole to the tube for a padlock to secure. A button to the end of the tube releases the hook.

Kit Bag locks are practical for their straightforward, easy to use design. The manufacturer of this one decided to take the design a step further with a more involved mechanism.It is easier to use as the bar can be locked to the handle before the padlock secures it. Early 20th Century.

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