



Leather Case With Playing Cards For Rubicon Bezique

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Height: 7 cm (2.8")

Width: 17 cm (6.7")

Depth: 11 cm (4.3")

Description

Vintage Mudie & Sons Leather Card Game Box.

A wonderful high end Victorian card game compendium by Mudie & Sons, 15 Coventry St. Piccadilly comprising of four decks of cards (32-cards) used to play Rubicon Bezique, 128 cards in total, The cards are made by U.S. card maker Andrew Dougherty and all with gilt edges. There are also two Mudie's Rubicon Bezique Markers with the contents being housed in a lovely case with a wooden carcass covered in green pigskin leather, stamped in gilt with retailer's details. The box has a hinged lid with drop down front that opens to reveal internal compartments in red pig skin leather with red silk ribbon to pull the cards from their housing. One of the Mudie's Rubicon Bezique Markers sits on top of the cards, the other is in a sprung loaded housing in the lid, the markers with 20 score clips some marked with scores in black 1,5,10,50,100,500,1000,5000. All items of the set are in excellent original condition. The 32-card pack comprising of an ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, 8 and 7 in each suit (hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades).

Mudie & Sons, London, were major playing card and accessory makers and were active by 1889. They were known as Mudie & Sons Ltd. by around 1925.

Bezique (Bésigue) was developed in France and England in the 1860's, thought to be derived from Piquet, with certain combinations of cards scoring various points, and the player with the most points wins.

Piquet is one of the oldest card games and until the early twentieth century it was perhaps the most popular card game in France, occupying a similar position to cribbage in England. Played with a 32-card pack, the chief goal to reach 100 points.