Antique Cricket Egg Coddler

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Height: 23 cm (9.1")

Width: 13 cm (5.1")

Depth: 10.5 cm (4.1")

Description

Rare Cricket Themed Egg Steamer
The silver plate egg steamer, boiler (or egg coddler) is in the shape of a cricket ball. The steamer can be used to boil or coddle one or more eggs. The cricket ball contains a four ring frame for holding the eggs while being cooked, there is a central loop handle to lift the device from the water. The steamer is attached to a stand made in the shape of four crossed cricket bats with stumps and bails. There is a central cup to hold the spirit lamp, its handle made of crossed cricket bats and a ball. The dome top with handle in the shape of a cricket bat with ball and a set of stumps.
The bowl is stamped on the side with a Diamond Registration Mark dating it to 1872.
A wonderful and rare cricket collectable
A Diamond Registration Mark was issued with the registration number when a design was registered and showed that an item was designed in Britain and that the design had been registered. Diamond marks were issued by the Patent Office between 1842 and 1883 and meant that the person registering it had legal protection and gave copyright protection for 3 years for their design. The mark was in the shape of a diamond with numbers and letters marked at specific points to represent Year, Month, Day and Bundle (batch).

Diamond Registration Marks of 1842-1867 showed the Class of Material at the top of the diamond in numbers (1 was for Metal). Underneath that is a letter for The Year of Registration. Moving clockwise we have a number to indicate the day of the month, then another number which is the bundle or batch number. Next is a letter W to show the month.
In 1867 the key to the identification of Diamond Registration Marks changed slightly, although the class off material stayed at the top. Underneath the class of material we now have a number for the day of the month, moving clockwise again is a letter which is now for the year. At the bottom is a letter for the month and finally we have another number to indicate the bundle or batch number.

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