



Brewster's Center-shafted Simplex Golf Club, Lofter

£2,300



REF: 30828

Height: 90 cm (35.4")

Width: 6 cm (2.4")

Depth: 11.5 cm (4.5")

Description

Antique Simplex Golf Club, Lofted Or Spoon.

An original late 19th century Simplex model golf club with an approximate 25 degree loft. The head is made of hard wood and is stamped '178', the bottom two-thirds of the face with a bronze faceplate with an integral 'horseshoe-shaped' sole plate with two screws and with two lugs that also wrap around the side of the club head with screws to secure the plate in place. The center-shafted head has curved "Rockered" sole profile and is attached to the original hickory shaft with a shouldered morticed joint. The shaft has a very subtle oval shape, it has whipping and later suede grip, also the shaft with a maker's stamp (illegible) and stamped 'Simplex' just below the grip.

The measurements shown are the length of the whole club, the width of the face and depth of the head.

Brewster's Simplex clubs are a must for the collector as they are full of charm and character. They are scarce because a) they were not readily available and b) they were never really accepted or produced in quantity. Francis Wentworth Brewster received several patents for his 'Simplex clubs'. His first British patent (No. 9514) dates from April 14th, 1897, with his U.S. patent No. (581,331) April 27th, 1897, basically copying the British patent.

There are four images of his U.S. patent that were taken from <https://patents.google.com/patent/US581331>