Ransome's Patent Travel Inkwell by De la Rue.

De La Rue & Co.

Sold



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Height: 4.5 cm (1.8")

Width: 5.5 cm (2.2")

Depth: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

The well known stationers De La Rue originally sold this metal travel inkwell.

They marketed a few different versions and in various sizes. The most common model has a wooden edge to it but we have also seen them covered in leather. Thomas De La Rue formed the company in Guernsey in 1813 before moving to London in 1821 to set up as a printer, stationer and fancy goods manufacturer. The Ransome's Patent design was a clever space saver with the inkwell folding flat to its frame which doubles as a stand when in use.

The inkwell is stamped to one side with Ransome's Patent above and below a crown and De La Rue & Co. The back of the inkwell is stamped Push to indicate how to open the inkwell for use. A number of companies, including the Army & Navy Society, sold these inkwells and it is easy to see why it would have been a popular purchase for the traveller. Circa 1900.
Size open is given

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