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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items

Boxed Telescope Retailed By W. Toose, Sydney

William Toose

Sold



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Height: 5.71 cm (2.2")

Width: 20.95 cm (8.2")

Depth: 10.16 cm (4")

Description

A gilt brass, three drawer Telescope with tripod and walnut case. SOLD

The Telescope is relatively short in length when packed, at less than 6 inches. Its fully extended length is 16 inches. It has a cap and slide to protect the lens and eyepiece. The short leather grip has a worn gilt stamp that may be 'The Liver, Trade Mark' around a Liver Bird which would suggest a Liverpool maker. However, a number French makers wholesaled to English makers and retailers, who rebranded the stock. The light colour of the case looks like French walnut, which would tie in.

The case also holds the neat gilt brass tripod. The screw and clamp fitting to hold the telescope unscrews from the main column, as do the three drumstick legs. The legs are housed in the hollow column tube. The screw and clamp fitting, when removed from the column, can be used independently for the telescope as it has a cutting screw that can be fitted to a branch or tree etc.

Engraved to the brass by the leather grip are the Australian retailer's details ' W.E. Toose, Optn. Sydney'.

It's likely that this well-made Telescope, tripod and case was made in France before travelling to Liverpool and then Sydney to be retailed. It has since found its way back to England. Late 19th Century.

Case size is given.