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Leather Hat Box

REF: 81924

Height: 28 cm (11") Width: 46 cm (18.1") Depth: 41 cm (16.1")

Sold



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A leather Hat Box that belonged to Mr. A. V. Coverley-Price, known as Victor.

The Case has a red lined interior with padding to the lid. There are various straps, some with hooks, to hold hats in place and a removable top hat form. The main body of the case has canted corners to give an easy fit to the top and the case handle is shaped for comfort. The unnamed brass lock has its key missing but opens on a slide button. Both the bottom and back of the trunk is fitted with brass dome studded feet so that whichever way it is put to rest the leather will be raised off a wet surface.

Victor Coverley-Price was a recognised early 20th century British artist. He developed a love of art and mountaineering through study visits to Germany, as an undergraduate at Pembroke College, Cambridge between the wars. After his graduation in Modern Languages he joined the Diplomatic Service not only travelling throughout Europe but also South America, the Middle East, Canada, Kashmir and (as the label to this case notes) Yokohama, Japan. He retired in 1946 to concentrate on painting and writing and published his autobiography *An Artist Among Mountains* in 1957. He also wrote and illustrated an article for *The Sphere Magazine*. In 1965 he moved to Cirencester. His work has been illustrated all over the world and at various institutions including The Royal Academy, The Royal Institute and The Alpine Club.

The box is marked to the top A.V.C-P and a shipping label dated August 19th 1937, Yokohama accompanies the case. Early 20th Century.