Briefcase Card Table

Walter Thornhill & Co.

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Height: 8.25 cm (3.2")

Width: 39.35 cm (15.5")

Depth: 27.93 cm (11")

Description

An oak 'briefcase' that assembles quickly into a Card Table.

To turn it from a box to the table, the top is simply lifted and the hinged legs that are folded underneath extend to become vertical. Corner support struts underneath the top are then fully opened to lock into place on their hinges preventing the hinged legs from folding. The two flaps to the table top can then be opened to double its size and reveal a baize playing surface.. The two brass fittings to one side of the top were for belt straps that would keep the table folded and were united by a carrying handle.

Two legs are stamped Patent 14907 which we believe dates to 1907. The design of this table is associated with three makers: Albert Barker, Walter Thornhill and G. W. Scott & Sons. It probably originated from Albert Barker and Thornhill. Barker was previously a partner to Thornhill and also had a shop on New Bond Street. Scott were known for their picnic baskets and made a version with legs that extended to the same patent.

A simple but very clever design that is equally practical today as when it was first made. Circa 1910.

Folded size is given.

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