MacDonald's Patent Shoe Rack

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Height: 21.58 cm (8.5")

Width: 46.97 cm (18.5")

Depth: 2.54 cm (1")

Description

A mahogany Shoe or Boot Rack designed to MacDonald's Patent.

The vast majority of the type of Shoe Rack were also marked for the retailer James Platt & Co. and it is unusual to find an example with just a stamped metal plate noting MacDonald's Patent. It may indicate that it is an earlier example, made by MacDonald or another manufacturer, before Platt bought the license to produce it.

The Shoe Rack is used by hanging the inside of the heel on the serrated brass strip that runs along it's length. For travel, the bottom section is folded to protect the serrated edge and reduce the rack's size by half. At some stage in it's life, the rack has been reduced by approximately six inches in length. It's likely that it was either damaged to the lost section or possibly a shorter rack was more convenient to the owner.

The racks are still very practical for use today. Although you might not need to prevent insects or snakes crawling into your shoes by hanging them, it does offer an excellent storage solution. Circa 1900.

Size opened is given.

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