

An extremely rare Victorian six draw silver telescope made in London in 1857 by Thomas Blake and retailed by C.W. Dixey, Optician to the Queen, New Bond Street, London.

Sold



Description

The Telescope has six draws and a leather covered base barrel. This piece has a removable silver lense cover and the top is engraved with C.W. Dixey, Optician to the Queen, New Bond Street, London, who would have retailed this rare piece. The telescope is in excellent condition and is well marked in no fewer than eight different locations. C.W. Dixey is still family owned and is the World's oldest independent eyewear company. Established in 1777, it has served seven successive Kings and Queens of England.

Sterling silver telescopes are extremely rare and we can only find one other example which was made in 1840 for presentation to Queen Victoria on her marriage to Prince Albert. This is illustrated in "Investing in Silver" by Eric Delieb, page 140. A very rare piece. Length, fully extended: 10.25 inches, 25.63 cm. Diameter at the widest end: 1.15 inches, 2.88 cm. Length, folded down: 3 inches, 7.5 cm.