



The Green Crocodile Tiger Safe

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The Story

The name may sound like a rumble in the jungle for this safe is, without doubt, a masterpiece of classic Victoriana with a most exotic twist. In order to appeal to every taste, The London Antiques Company Limited sought the creative talents of Gavin Rookledge, the master craftsman in the art of enhancement with unusual skins. Gavin hand-wrapped the safe in rich, forest green crocodile-stamped leather secured with brass pins, corners and studs. The uprights and door surrounds were then covered with fine amber hide to complement the Biedermeier-style base.



Exquisitely made in a design much loved by the Regents, this table is veneered in myrtle wood, its solid brass columns finished with a cheeky little pair of tiger's feet.

Majestically poised upon its statuesque podium, the Tiger Brand safe was manufactured in Great Britain around 1880. This was the height of the industrial revolution, when England's green and pleasant land coughed up coal from beneath its peaceful pastures. The coal filled the furnaces that made the steel that wrought the iron that forged the safes.

As the Brits like to say: "Where there's muck, there's brass" and brass, as an argot term for money, was what the belching chimneys brought forth. They may have turned the sky black but they filled the profiteers' purses with gold. And where could they store this gold? In a "British Fire & Thief Proof Guaranteed Iron Safe". These are the legends cast into the brass plaques which adorn the door, a secure and solid testament to its invincibility. The circular plaque in its centre is emboldened by a prancing tiger, a symbol used to frighten those foolish enough to attempt a break-in. Approach with caution if you dare!

The interior retains its original upper safe compartment which is now leather-lined, as well as three large and two smaller cedar humi-drawers. Strung with ebony and edged with macassar, there is room to store up to five hundred of your precious cigars. These will be maintained with Diamond Crown humidifiers and hygrometer, the finest systems on the market today.

The Green Crocodile Tiger Brand safe is a treasure to behold and would be an honour to own, a classic piece of fine furniture with both a function and an aesthetic beauty second to none. Utterly covetable in every way!

Dimensions:

46 w x 160 h x 44d

Weight:

180 kgs