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# A RARE PAIR OF A CELESTIAL GLOBE AND ARMILLARY SPHERE

#### [A miniature armillary sphere and celestial globe]

Author LOYSEL

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#### **Physical description**

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### Dimensions

#### Notes

A rare pair of a celestial globe and a Ptolemaic armillary sphere by Loysel, of whom very little is known. He appeared to have also produced a terrestrial globe, as shown in the catalogue "The world in your hands".

## Bibliography

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