



Brass with glass dome.

## **AN OBSERVATORY MAGNIFIER**

**[Joseph Crabtree observatory magnifier].**

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[late nineteenth century]

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### **Physical description**

Brass with glass dome.

### **Dimensions**

(diameter) 22cm (8.5 inches).

### **Notes**

Brass and glass domed observatory magnifier.

The observatory magnifier is believed to have been designed in 1804 by the legendary British inventor and polymath Joseph Crabtree (1754-1854). It was intended to aid the reading of nautical charts aboard ship, and is still in use today. The present example is particularly large measuring 22 centimetres in diameter.

**Bibliography**

**Provenance**

**Price:**

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