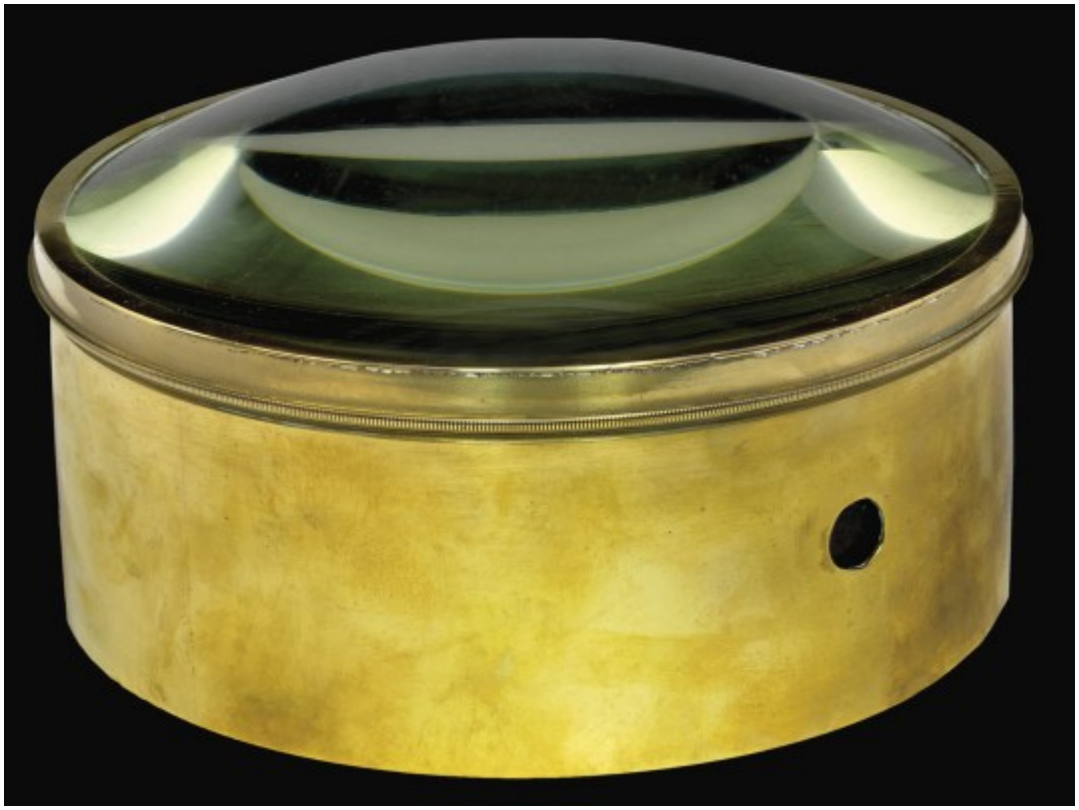


Brass with glass dome.

## AN OBSERVATORY MAGNIFIER

**[Joseph Crabtree observatory magnifier].**

**Author**
[Anonymous]

**Publication date**
[late nineteenth century]

**Publisher**

**Publication place**

**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:**

**Inventory reference:** 12771

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