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Preview 2018

145th Specialty Auction **»Photographica & Film«** 17 March 2018

I Spy...

From **spy glasses to optical illusions**, our Spring auctions offer a playful array of instruments that challenge the collector to see things in a different light. Highlights include a famous single-owner section of monocular opera glasses from the 18th–20th century. Ingenuity and craftsmanship are combined in over eighty examples embellished with gold, precious stones and enamel. Estimates from €200 to €15,000.

Another opera glass ... or a camera in disguise? Scarce pre-war Japanese spy camera, the **Tokyo "Secrette"** (estimate: €2,500–3,500 / \$2,900–4,090).



Also on offer is an unusually fine and comprehensive group of **hand-painted magic lantern slides** from the realms of comedy, topography, amour and astronomy, the lifetime collection

of one of the last German lantern showmen. Moving pictures, special effects, ghosts and sublime landscapes celebrate a favorite Victorian parlor entertainment. Estimates from €100 to €2,000. – Also on offer some very rare magic lanterns including **"The Factory"** by Georges Carette & Co., Nuremberg, c. 1895 (estimate: €3,500–5,000 / \$4,090–5,850)



Victorian invention is at hand in the form of **Lancaster's Patent Watch Camera** of 1886 (estimate: €30,000–40,000 / \$35,000–47,000),



while historic photography and film include an important life-time collection of **200 LEICA cameras & accessories**, and an elegant **sliding-box stereo camera with Vallantin lenses** (estimate: €5,000–6,000 / \$5,850–7,000).



Showcased is a selection of 20th century cameras, lenses and accessories, including the **1926 'tropical' Anso Memo** (estimated: €2,000–2,500 / \$2,150–2,700) and a superb **1954 Voigtlander Bessa II with Apo-Lanthar 105 mm lens** (estimate: €5,000–8,000 / \$5,850–9,400). From Zeiss comes a mint **Ultrawide Hologon set** (estimate: €2,500–3,500 / \$2,900–4,090) as well as an outfit of desirable **Contarex cameras and lenses**.



The 2018 Auction Dates

»Photographica & Film«

17 March 2018

29 September 2018

(Closing date: 1 July '18)

»Office Antiques«

»Science & Technology«

»Fine Toys & Automata«

26 May 2018

(Closing date: 15 March '18)

10 November 2018

(Closing date: 1 Sept. '18)

Consignments are welcome at any time!

Whether you are considering selling a single item or an entire collection, we would be pleased to provide a free auction estimate from a list or photographs. We are always happy to talk to past and present collectors by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail.

Catalogue order form: please see overleaf!

146th Specialty Auction

»Science & Technology« · »Mechanical Music« · »Fine Toys«

26 May 2018

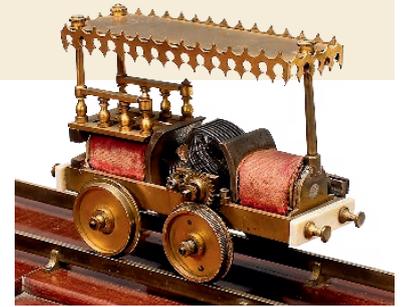
Consignment deadline: 15 March 2018

Brass & Steam



A 1909 "Fürst Bismarck" tin toy battle ship by Gebrüder Bing

(estimate: € 30,000–40,000 / \$ 35,000–46,800)



From the experimental days of electricity in the home comes a precision-built toy and/or salesman's sample locomotive of 1880 (!!) in fully working condition

(estimate: € 5,000–8,000 / \$ 5,800–9,300)



Entertainment on a longer and grander scale is provided by a book-playing Libellion, c. 1895

(estimate: € 7,000–8,000 / \$ 8,200–9,400)



A dramatic animated electric portrait of Loie Fuller, pioneer of dance and stage lighting by Gaston Decamps, c. 1914

(estimate: € 4,000–6,000 / \$ 4,700–7,000)



Emile Berliner-Style Hand-Turned Gramophone, Model 2

(estimate: € 2,000–3,000 / \$ 2,480–3,720)

»Stereoscope« – Sensational Symphonion Musical Box, c. 1895

(estimate: € 10,000–15,000 / \$ 12,400–18,600)



The »Non Plus Ultra« – Magnificent Style 100 Symphonion disc-changing musical box
(estimate: € 55,000–80,000 / \$ 64,000–93,500)

The Microscopic Eye

This fine private collection of surgical sets and microscopes promises a closer look at medicine in the 19th century.



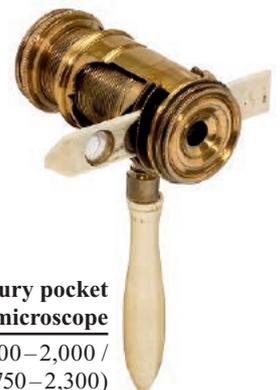
Cased trepanning and amputation outfits by S. Maw, Son & Thompson

(estimate: € 1,000–1,500 / \$ 1,200–1,750)



Brass Culpeper-type microscope by John Bleuler

(estimate: € 2,000–3,000 / \$ 2,300–3,500)



18th century pocket microscope

(estimate: € 1,500–2,000 / \$ 1,750–2,300)

Providing customers with informed auction estimates, comprehensive coverage and innovative advertising for over 30 years as world-market leaders in historic technology.

Alphanumeric

Condition and rarity act as multipliers in the field of office antiques.



A fiendishly complex Thürey typewriter, 1909 from Cologne makes a handsome companion for the well-appointed desk

(estimate: € 15,000–25,000 / \$ 17,600–29,000)

Landmark calculators from the first serial production number Thomas de Colmar's 1870 »Arithmomètre« in ebony presentation case

(estimate: € 2,000–3,000 / \$ 2,300–3,500)



Columbus set-rack calculator, 1909

(estimate: € 2,000–4,000 / \$ 2,300–4,700)



Rare roll-top Saxonia, c. 1910

(estimate: € 4,000–6,000 / \$ 4,800–7,200)



Märklin 4150/91/9 Steam Engine with Dynamo, c. 1924

(estimate: € 2,400–3,500 / \$ 3,000–4,300)



Märklin 19441 Fast Train Buggage Car (Gauge 1), c. 1938

(estimate: € 1,500–2,000 / \$ 1,900–2,500)



Märklin CER 65/13021 Steam Locomotive (Gauge 1), c. 1930

Excellent original condition! (estimate: € 2,500–3,000 / \$ 3,000–3,700)



Children's Car by Walter Stock, c. 1925

Good original condition! (estimate: € 800–1,200 / \$ 1,000–1,500)



A dreamlike **cityscape painting** (estimate: € 8,000–15,000 / \$ 9,400–17,500) by **Konrad Zuse**, creator of the world's very first programmable computer (1941!), complements a fantastic timeline of vintage PCs, like the Olivetti Programma 101 with futuristic design from 1965, as well as representative models of the celebrated Millionaire and Curta.



Märklin Construction Kit »Airplane Ju52«, c. 1936

(estimate: € 1,800–2,500 / \$ 2,200–3,000)



»Battle Cruiser« (Fleischmann No. 527), 1936

Near mint, original finish.

(estimate: € 2,000–3,000 / \$ 2,500–3,700)



»Tourist Steamer« (Fleischmann No. 526), c. 1936

(estimate: € 2,000–3,000 / \$ 2,500–3,700)



»Clown« Bigo-fix No. 951 by Schuco, c. 1958

(estimate: € 250–350 / \$ 310–450)



»Deutsche Reichspost« – Mail Truck by Lehmann EPL 786, c. 1935

(estimate: € 700–1,200 / \$ 900–1,500)

Toys, Toys, Toys ...

An eclectic private collection of more than 300 examples by all the collectable makers in fine original condition.

See additional highlights on our website at www.Breker.com

Retrospective

In 2017 Auction Team Breker celebrated its **30th year** with a successful season of sales that brought record prices across the board. Works as diverse as an original "Apple-1" computer from 1976, an 1867 **Malling-Hansen Writing Ball** and an 18th century **equatorial sundial** garnered interest and bids from an international audience.



»Apple-1« Personal Computer, 1976

Sold: € 110,670 / \$ 119,500



»Writing Ball«, by Rasmus Malling-Hansen, Copenhagen, 1867

The first commercial typewriter.

Sold: € 73,800 / \$ 79,700



Hugo Meyer Makro Plasmalok
3.5 cm Leica Screw-Fit Lens,
circa 1934

Sold: € 34,400 / \$ 37,150



Doryu 2-16 Pistol Camera, by Doryu
Camera Co. Ltd., Japan, 1955

Sold: € 11,060 / \$ 12,950



Italian Stereo camera, by
Cesare Speich, Genoa, 1953

Sold: € 4,900 / \$ 5,300

Equatorial Minute Sundial,
by Johann Seltman, Brunswick,
circa 1750

Sold: € 35,660 / \$ 38,500

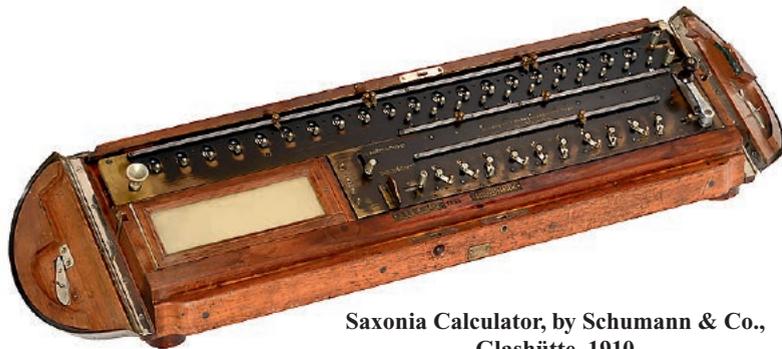


Almost all areas of "Technical Antiques" showed significant growth, reflecting the enduring fascination and investment value of historic technology. In the field of "Photographica & Film", an appreciation of unusual formats and early processes was mirrored by the sometimes staggering prices paid for classic 35 mm cameras and lenses.

Similarly, the enthusiastic participation of national and international museums has added to the reputation of calculating history as a serious study in its own right.



Accurate working replica of Blaise Pascal's 1650 »Arithmatique«, the first mechanical calculator
Sold: € 12,300 / \$ 14,400



Saxonia Calculator, by Schumann & Co.,
Glashütte, 1910
Sold: € 35,660 / \$ 38,500



Gauss Calculator, by
Mercedes-Bureau-Maschinen
Gesellschaft, Berlin, 1905
Sold: € 22,100 / \$ 25,850

Music and entertainment remain ever popular themes, with new collecting markets in the Far East sounding an exciting note in mechanical music sales. In our Autumn auction, a fairy-tale collection of figural European vending machines, led by a life-sized chocolate-egg-laying stork, flew to new homes across the globe.



Stork Chocolate Vendor
by MUM-Automaten, Dresden,
circa 1910
Sold: € 39,350 / \$ 46,000



Pair of Singing Bird Automata by
Bontems, Paris, circa 1910
Sold: € 11,070 / \$ 12,950



Musical Chalet by Mermod Frères,
Geneva, circa 1890
Sold: € 24,600 / \$ 28,800

Model 120S Disc-Changer,
Symphonion Musikwerke,
Leipzig, circa 1900
Sold: € 55,300 / \$ 59,700

