

Lot 4



Auction **Decorative Art**

Date 15.11.2023, ca. 11:03

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MAHOGANY AND BOXWOOD ROULETTE TABLE "THE KING'S TABLE" FOR SIR HIRAM MAXIM.

England.

Date: 1907-08.

Technique: Mahogany, boxwood. Inside green felt amongst others.

Description: Rectangular shape, the slender legs on castors. The top opens and underneath there is a roulette wheel and small compartments for the tokens.

Measurement: Closed 79x93,5x56,5cm, opened 77x93,5x113cm.

Provenance:

Private collection North Rhine-Westphalia, acquired at art dealer John Bly, London.

The roulette table was commissioned by King Edward VII in 1907 from the American inventor Sir Hiram Maxim. He was to develop a tamper-proof roulette table. The table in question was completed and put to the test in September 1908. Lord Rosslyn, a notorious London gambler sat down at the table with a £10,000 stake and lost it all in the course of ten days. The so-called King's Table remained in the possession of the inventor and was later passed on to his grandson, Colonel Maxim Joubert, who then passed it on to his doctor.

Estimate: 4.000 € - 5.000 €; Hammer: 5.500 €

