Wooden Sledge, Flexible Flyer

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Height: 117 cm (46.1")

Width: 56 cm (22")

Depth: 15.5 cm (6.1")

Description

Vintage Flexible Flyer sledge.
A very nice 'FLEXIBLE FLYER' No. 47 J. made of ash with metal runners and steering. It is a 'genuine Flexible Flyer with safety-runners and super-steering'. Also marked on the underside of the sledge is 'Made in U.S.A. by S. L. Allen & Co. inc. Phila. PA. Manufacturers of Planet Jr Farm & Garden Tools Garden Tractors'.The decals are there but worn, a very nice sledge.

Samuel Leeds Allen patented the 'Flexible Flyer' at the end of the 19th Century in New Jersey, U.S.A. They were produced in his farm equipment factory to keep his workers busy in the off season. The sledges were very versatile as they could be used sat on or even laying horizontal on it. The steering could be operated by the cross bar with the rope attached or simply just with the feet or hands. Twisting the bar caused the front flexible runners to bend hence turning the sledge in the desired direction.

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