



Robert Klaas Fishing Knife, Solingen

Sold



REF: 26964

Height: 23 cm (9.1")

Width: 2 cm (0.8")

Depth: 1.5 cm (0.6")

Description

German Solingen Fishing Knife.

A vintage fisherman's or angler's pen knife in good usable condition. The German folding pocket knife has a 10cm blade marked 'RobT Klaas Solingen, Rostfrei' with the 'kissing crane' logo. There is a separate scale remover with bottle opener and hook remover. The ends engraved 'DAS ANGELIN MESSER', 'D.A.M' on one side and images of fishing flies on the other.

The knife with original leather sheath.

KISSING CRANE KNIFE COMPANY HISTORY

The Kissing Crane story began when a German scissors maker from Soligen named Peter Daniels Pauls married Johanne Amalie Storsbeg, whose father owned a penknife making business. In 1834, shortly after the marriage Pauls began to produce penknives on his own. The first shipment of Pauls' Knives was shipped to the United States in 1850 and his high quality three- and four-blade knives were appreciated by both tradesmen and collectors alike. Peter and Johanne's daughter later married a young scissors maker named Frederich Robert Klaas, and after Pauls' death, the two companies were merged to form the Robert Klaas Company in 1869. Production expanded and the Klaas name continued to grow in popularity and in 1895 Klaas registered the "Kissing Crane" logo as its trademark.

Ownership and management of the Klaas Company has passed through several generations succeeding Robert Klaas. But as late as 1930, there was still a Klaas working with the company as Klaas' great grandson Hugo Schiesen had begun work there. Kissing Crane celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1934. The company history between 1934 and the 1980s is not well known.

Taken from the Kissing Crane Knife website.