Antique Shove Ha'penny Board

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Height: 58 cm (22.8")

Width: 35 cm (13.8")

Depth: 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Deluxe Shove Halfpenny Board.
An exceptional 'Shove Ha'penny', Shove Halfpenny board in great working order. The manufacturer of this deluxe board in unknown but it features rotating scoring markers on either side of the board and horizontal brass 'lifts' across the board creating the 'beds'. The 'lifts' will help determine if the coin is squarely in the bed if it is contested. A great family game, ideal for young and old to play at Christmas time.

Shove Ha'penny came into existence in around 1840 and was a popular game played in the Taverns and pubs. The playing board consists of horizontal lines, the area in-between known as beds. In the game, players take turns to push a half penny coin up the board (a Half Penny is a pre decimal British coin and measured 1" diameter). The idea is to push the coins so that they land squarely in the beds without touching the horizontal lines. The winning player is the player who has managed to place a total of three coins in each bed. Five coins are used in each go and a coin must be fully in a bed at the end of a players turn to count. If a player manages to score three coins in one bed in a single turn, he is said to have scored a "sergeant" and if all five coins should score in a single turn, it is a "sergeant major" or a "gold watch".

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