



The Cestrian Gutter Golf Ball, by the Telegraph Wire and Cable Factory of Queen Victoria Street, Helsby.

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Diameter: 4.5 cm (1.8")

Description

Antique Cestrian Gutter Golf Ball.

A gutta percha golf ball "The Cestrian", made by the Telegraph Wire and Cable Factory of Queen Victoria Street, Helsby, Cheshire, England. Later also known as the Helsby Company. The gutty golf ball is with a moulded mesh pattern, 'CESTRIAN' is marked on both poles and dates circa 1890's.

The ball is approximately 1 11/16 inch in diameter (4.3 cm).

To make a gutty golf ball first the gutta-percha was heated and loosely rolled into a ball shape. The ball was then put into the mould and then placed into a press. The press would imprint the pattern onto the ball and the excess would squeeze out of the sides. The seams were then trimmed when cool, leaving a hard and non-brittle "Gutty" golf ball. The durability of the gutta along with its lower costs and better play rejuvenated the game of golf.

Gutta-percha is the evaporated latex produced from a tree, mostly found in Malaysia.