



Bussey Patent Brass And Steel Putter

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Sold



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Height: 83 cm (32.7")

Width: 9 cm (3.5")

Depth: 3.3 cm (1.3")

Description

Bussey Patent Steel Socket Putter.

An attractive, desirable late 19th century blade putter by Bussey & Co. London. The patent club head is constructed from two separate parts, a steel hosel and a gun metal blade, with the two parts being brazed together. The head is glued to the original hickory shaft which is adorned with Gibson's patent leather grip of a single folded piece of leather with stitching up the back. The idea behind the grip is to prevent unravelling and to aid the placement and alignment of the grip. The back of the club head is stamped 'Bussey & Co. London, Thistle, Patent Steel Socket'.

William Eaton Bussey and Joseph Samuel Pinder received a British patent, the seventh ever granted for a golf club, for their steel socket irons. The British patent (No. 16,953) was dated October 23rd, 1890. The patent covered the two-piece metal club heads along with the first patent for a sewn leather grip.

In the Autumn of 1889 George Gibson Bussey, the founder of Bussey & Co., passed away at Brookfield House. Two months later, his eldest son, William E. Bussey became the head of the firm.

The measurements shown are the length of the shaft with hosel and the width and depth of the face.