



Hardy Oil Bottle

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REF: 25316

Height: 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width: 4 cm (1.6")

Depth: 1.5 cm (0.6")

## Description

Hardy 'Waistcoat Pocket' Fly Oil Bottle, Alnwick.

This is a very rare find indeed. This is the very first example we have come across in our 30 year + of business. It is a Dry Fly Oil Bottle by Hardy Bros. we believe advertised only in the Hardy Anglers Guide of 1924 as 'The 'Waistcoat Pocket' Fly Oil Bottle'. The bottle is constructed from celluloid with a simple see through hoop body with which front and back discs of ivory celluloid have been adhered to create a watertight bottle. There is a screw top lid that has a brush attached to the end with a long sleeve that protrudes into the bottle to prevent the oil flowing backwards. 'Made by Hardy Bros. Ltd, Alnwick, Eng' is on both sides of the bottle. As with all of Hardy's items it is a well made piece.

One of the most famous fishing tackle manufactures in the world is Hardy Brothers of Alnwick, Northumberland. They were and still are renowned for quality manufacturing of game fishing tackle. Their reputation has never faltered throughout the Company's long history which was started in 1872 by William Hardy and his brother John. The list of Hardy customers is very impressive. In 1901 they received their first Royal Warrant by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and in their time Hardy had more Royal Appointments bestowed upon them from most of the crowned heads of Europe, H.M.King George V amongst them.