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Description



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1885 CLARKE's PATENT Electrical Genorator STATIC Lighter

US Patenet number 324-010 was issued to C. L. Clarke on August 11, 1885 for an ELECTRIC

GENEROAOR or SPARK PRODUCING APPARATATUS. This is a very rare example of this early Gas Lighter that operated much the same as the larger Holz-Teplar Static Machines.

This is probably the earliest and most exotic lighter that you will ever see. I have never seen one before myself.

The rear cap is marked CLARKE'S PATENTS 5992-8313 and 96716, most likely a different variation of the Patent that I have referenced. The device is 15 7/8" long with a 1 3/8" cylinder. I was able to simply screw off the rear bearing cap to supply photos of the mechanism.

I have and will supply a 5 Page copy of the Patent Drawing and 60 paragraph description of the apparatus.

My simplified version is as follows:

This hand held device is comprised of a hard Rubber housing and a Brass Tube with a Copper Spark Gap and a rotating inner Clinder of material similar to an Edison record with Copper contacts that cross over foil applied to the inside of the outer hard rubber clinder. The cylinder rotates by pressing a mechanical arm on the outside that drives a gear on the inner cylinder causing it to rotate. When sufficient high voltage charge is generated a spark is created across a spark gap at the end of the brass tube. IT works much like the large rotating disk Holtz Teplar machines of the 19th Century.

The device is totally complete and undamaged, with an original patina. I found this in a most bizarre collection of unusual instrments last summer that was accumulated by a 93 year old multi millionare collector.

It rotates but does not currently produce spark. I would think that burnishing the contact points and bruses would make it work again. I simply don't have the time to play with the things that I sell.

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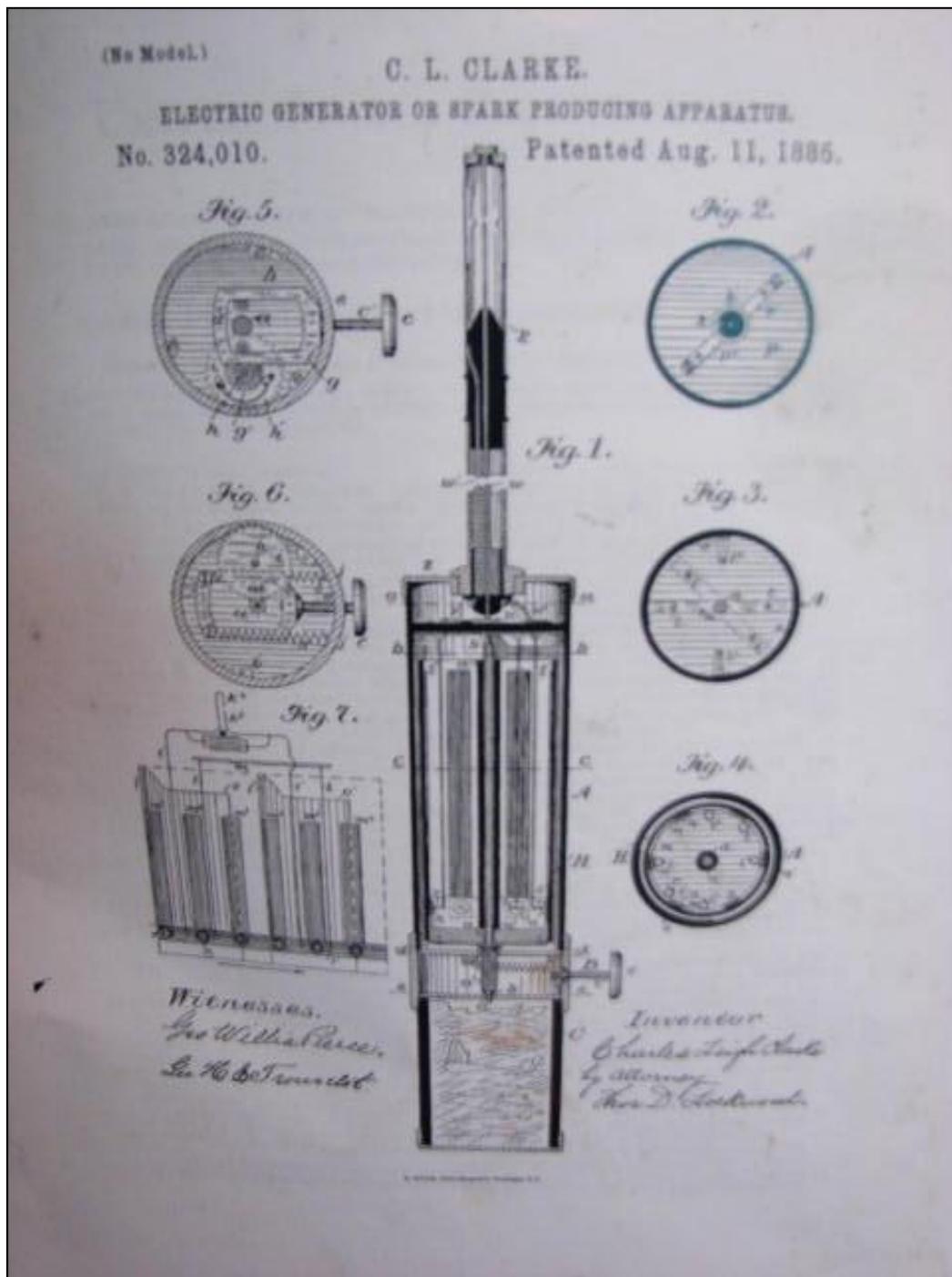














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