



AN INKWELL TABLE CLOCK BY THOMAS COLE

Dimensions: H: 10 in / 25.5 cm

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An Unusual 'Inkwell' Table Clock
Attributed to Thomas Cole

Constructed from gilt [brass](#), the novelty timepiece rising from a turned ebonised base inset with a concave brass tray engraved with geometric strapwork; a central socle supporting the inkwell, its exterior finely engraved in conforming manner, opening up to reveal a cut glass inkwell, its lid inset with an engraved silvered dial, with fleur de lys blued steel hands denoting the hours in Roman numerals and the minutes by way of a chapter ring; the movement with going barrel, lever escapement, and steel balance. Bearing a presentation inscription to James MacHenry dated 1883. Circa 1860

The inventive design for this clock sits alongside a small number of other unusual clocks created by [Thomas Cole](#). According to J.B. Hawkins, there was "no doubts that these clocks took many years to complete under constant supervision to ensure the incredibly high standard attained."