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A VICTORIAN WOOD AND CANVAS TRUNK

By

The traveller's trunk with painted stripe and the letters "C.O." and original leather straps, and internal lined tray, also bearing a white on red "Cunard White Star Line, First Class, HOLD" sticker and the remnants of a "GWR, Gerrards Cross(?) sticker,

DIMENSIONS: 30cm (11^{3/4}") High, 102cm (40^{1/4}") Wide, 22cm (8^{3/4}") Deep

STOCK CODE: 41181

HISTORY

Capt. Wellby of the 18th Hussars was an explorer, plant collector and published author. His best known works were "Through Unknown Tibet" and "Twixt Sirdar and Menelik" (the latter recently reprinted). Both are wonderful glimpses into respectively Himalayan and East African worlds through the eyes of a colonial diarist. He served in the Boer War, was involved in the defence of Ladysmith and fell from wounds received at Mertzicht in 1900 aged 34. "Drew & Sons" were one of the best trunk and travel goods manufacturers and were based at Piccadilly Circus from the 1870s until 1914 when they moved to Regents Street. They held the patent for this "Wood Fibre Trunk".