

Collectors' Items, Works of Art and Light Fittings / Thursday, 6th August 2020 / Lot 2520



## LOT 2520

A 19th century sailor's shell valentine of typical octagonal form, the glazed case enclosing a geometric pattern of various shells within coloured card borders, width 37cm (minor loss and faults).

Estimate: £300 - £500

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## Condition Report

2520. The outer case has some cracks to the veneered surface, wear to the edges and most of its inlaid key escutcheon missing. The base board is cracked and there are other screws holes where hanging plates would have attached. As for the shells, you can see from the images on our website that there are some missing, but there are a few small areas where groups of shells have been re-glued badly, which will probably need restoring properly. Otherwise the photographs should help in identifying missing shells.

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