Hans Brunner Tool Auctions

my very best tools at your prices

March 2012 Sale





- **1** Stanley clapboard marker & gauge, both cleaned G \$ 30-60
- 2 Stanley brass plumb bob with Pat April 28, 1874 on side, minor dings, small owner's initials on side. G \$ 100-200
- **3** Stanley steel plumb bob with brass reel. Pat 1874 on reel. Cleaned. G 60-120
- **4** Unmarked rosewood tool handle with 4 bits. No cracks, no markings but most probably Stanley G+ \$ 15-30
- **5** Four-fold one foot # 32 ½ boxwood rule, fully brass bound. No Stanley markings, just the number. Original as found condition. G++ \$ 25-50
- **6** Stanley 136 4" boxwood rule with brass calliper. G+ \$ 15-30

- 7 Stanley 42 pistol grip saw set G+ \$ 20-40
- **8** Stanley dowel sharpener plus two counter sink bits, all marked Stanley G+ \$ 20-40
- **9** Stanley level for squares, pressed brass top plate embossed with Stanley name. \$ 20-40
- 10 Stanley 49 bit gauge, minor surface rust G+ \$ 15-30
- 11 Stanley 9 ¼ block plane, boxed F \$ 30-60
- **12** Stanley 65 low angle block plane, blue model, boxed. Box Fr, plane F \$ 40-90
- **13** Stanley 220 USA block plane, late model, boxed F \$ 20-40
- 14 Stanley 49 bit gauge, boxed F \$ 20-40
- 15 Stanley 1 level sights, boxed F \$ 20-40
- **16** Stanley 75 bullnose plane made in USA, boxed F \$ 25-50



17 Bedrock 603C This plane is in close to fine condition with ca 95% japanning intact. V logo cutter, one-line Bedrock lever cap. G++ \$ 150-300

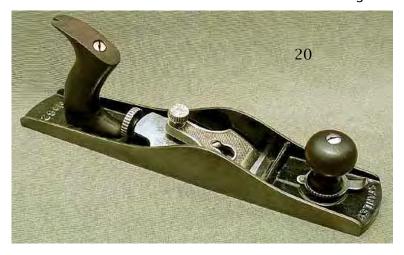




18 Bedrock 604 smooth plane. Approximately 85% japanning intact, some loss to front. SW logo cutter, VG rosewood. Great user or collector plane. G \$ 120-250

19 Early Stanley 36 *pre-lateral* transitional smooth plane with eagle trade-mark logo and correct R&L cutter. Minor discolouration to side G+ 60-120





20 Stanley 62 low angle plane. Perfect sole and mouth, some minor loss of japanning to the rear of the handle (paint touch-up), hairline crack in handle. G+ \$ 220-450



21 Stanley 289 skewed filletster and rebate plane, all parts present and correct. SW cutter. Approximately 70% japanning intact, no rust or pitting. G+ \$ 150-300



- 22 Stanley 48 level stand, takes levels up to 1 3/8" wide. Complete with correct screws, nickel plating dirty but will clean to G+ \$ 60-120
- 23 Stanley 20 nickel plated compass plane with Pat 92 cutter. G+ \$ 100-200
- **27** Stanley 78 made in England, complete with instructions in box. F \$ 40-90
- 28 Stanley 27 % the 5 % in the transitionals- in excellent condition, free of chips or cracks. Some minor paint marks along side and sole. G+ \$ 60-120
- 29 Sargent 714 auto-set jack plane. Most of the japanning is intact. Minor scratches on the sole and side G+ \$ 60-120
- **30** Stanley 40 scrub plane. Cleaned and polished handle & knob, most of the japanning is intact. There is on small spot of pitting on the blade. G \$60-120
- 31 Sargent 53 small scraper. Smaller than Stanley, base measures only 3" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. One of the cutest little scrapers ever made G \$ 60-120

- **24** Stanley 113 compass plane with side wheel adjuster. Pat 92 on cutter. Most japanning intact. G++ \$ 100-200
- 25 Stanley 112 scraper plane with SW cutter. G+ \$ 120-250
- 26 Stanley 220 blade & chisel honing guide. F \$ 50-100





31A Early Stanley 10 ½ carriage maker's rebate plane with B casting in bed. 90% japanning is intact. Pat 92 cutter worn to about ½". VG rosewood. G+ 100-200

- Stanley S5 steel sided jack plane, SW vintage with partial decal on handle. Minor rust spots to sides (cleaned) All parts correct. G+ A\$ 70-150
- Stanley 3 SW, all parts correct, decal on rosewood handle F \$ 50-100
- Stanley 75 SW bullnose plane in SW box. Minor paint marks to side. G+ \$ 20-40
- Stanley 80 cabinet scraper with SW cutter and decal. F \$ 20-50
- Stanley 118 low angle block plane with decal on toe. Minor rust spots on sole. Notched logo cutter. G \$ 20-40
- Stanley 21 nickel plated steel square with SW trademark on 9" blade. G+ 15-30
- Stanley 110 block plane SW, all parts correct, partial decal. G+ \$ 15-30



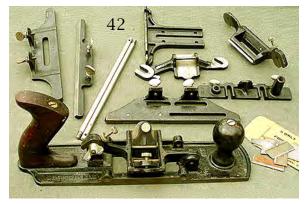
32 Stanley 8 jointer plane. This SW model is perfect, all parts are original with fine wood and close to 100% japanning. F A\$ 150-250



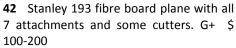
40 Stanley 41 plough plane with wrap-around fence. No chips, cracks or fixes. Comes with one cutter. Has both brass depth stops with correct brass screws G+ \$ 200-400



41 Stanley 72 chamfer plane, marked Stanley on one side and # 72 on the other with the early lever cap screw, indicating this plane was made between 1885-1905. Cutter is a matching replacement from an early Stanley Excelsior block plane. VG rosewood, correct beaded front knob, approximately 80% japanning intact. G+ \$ 200-400







43 Scarce Stanley 18 ¼ boxed. A relatively late addition to the Stanley catalogue with a short life span 1952-1958 G+ \$ 80-150

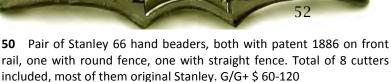


44 Stanley SW catalogue 1920s, reprint \$ 15-30

- **45** Original Stanley 1936 catalogue G \$ 20-40
- **46** Original Stanley 1939 catalogue G \$ 20-40

- 47 Stanley 2 smooth plane, SW cutter, minor scratches/bruising to sole, mouth and brass adjuster nut. VG rosewood handle, front knob has minor hairline on base. Over 95% japanning intact. G+ \$ 150-250
- **48** Stanley 1 smooth plane, SW vintage, all parts correct with partial decal on handle. (see cover) Wood and body free of chips or cracks. Just a hint of pitting spots to side and sole can easily be removed. 95% japanning intact. By any measure a G+ plane. \$ 700-1,200





- **51** Millers Falls cigar shave with round cutter and rosewood handles. Fine \$ 30-70
- **52** Stanley 55 hollow faced spokeshave with SW cutter. Some loss of japanning on lever cap. G A\$ 30-60



53 Pair of #10 Hollow and Round fences for Stanley 45 combination plane with slotted brass screws and new cutters. One lost most of the japanning. G \$50-100



49 Stanley 150th anniversary pocket tape 1843-1993 in original box, complete with certificate of authenticity. Box and tape F. Expensive when they came out 20 years ago and not getting any cheaper! F \$ 50-100

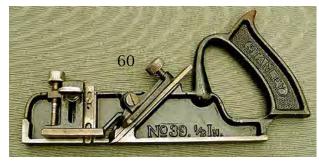


54 Stanley 278 rabbet & filletster plane with correct fence and depth stop. Depth stop screw is not original. Pat 12-17-16 on cutter, approximately 80% japanning intact. Tiny chip on outer rim of the fence rod receiver. G+ 150-300



- **55** Stanley 34 eight inch level with cover tube. Most of the nickel plating intact. Vial is a replacement. G \$ 20-40
- 56 Stanley 984 corner drill with rosewood handle and head. Most plating intact. Owner's name on one side otherwise G+ 40-80
- **57** Cast iron Stanley Excelsior tool holder with Pat March 19, 1867 embossed on one side. Contains about 10 small drill bits. G+ \$ 30-60
- **58** Superb six inch cast iron Stanley level with two plumbs and rotating tube covers. All vials are intact. Close to 100% japanning. F \$ 30-60





- **59** Stanley 191 rebate plane, SW cutter and decal on handle. Close to 100% finish intact. F \$ 70-120
- **60** Stanley 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ dado plane with well over 95% of the original finish intact. F \$ 70-140
- 61 Stanley 46 skew cutter combination plane. Comes with second depth stop, slitter gauge, slitter and a good lot of 5 cutters. Both nickers present. Small repair to top of handle; approximately half plating intact. Cleaned. G \$ 120-250





62 Bedrock 603 with V logo cutter, one-line Bedrock lever cap and good rosewood, free of chips or cracks. Minor tool chest dings on side and sole, free of pitting or rust. 70% japanning. G \$ 120-250



- **63** Stanley 67 universal spokeshave, complete with fence and both soles/ VG rosewood handles, most plating intact. F \$ 100-200
- 64 Excellent and quite scarce Stanley 66 ¾ four-fold three feet boxwood rule with brass-bound edges all sides . G+ 35-70
- 65 Stanley 136 4" boxwood rule with brass calliper. G+ 15-30
- **66** Outstanding Stanley 32 ½ SW fully brass-bound, four-fold one foot boxwood rule with calliper. F \$ 35-70



- 67 Stanley 11 beltmaker's plane with good T logo cutter. Most japanning intact. G+ \$100-200
- 68 Stanley 378 Weather strip plough plane with one extra depth stop. Brass stops present, close to 100% original finish intact. G \$ 70-150





69 Rare Stanley 196 curve rebate plane. Marked on side of plane body, cutter is not marked. The side stop has been replaced with a round face stop rather than a square one. This plane has lost just about all of the nickel plating. Former owner used electrolysis to clean it – hence the dull finish. I feel the tool can be improved 100% by a proper cleaning and polishing job – well worth the effort for such a scarce plane. G \$ 600-1,200



- **70** Stanley 5 ½ junior jack plane, SW vintage with Pat 1910 in bed, SW cutter; rosewood handle and knob. Most japanning is intact. G+ \$80-150
- **71** Sargent 411 jack plane. Identical to Stanley 5 ¼. Mahogany handle and knob. Close to 100% japanning intact. F \$ 60-120



73 Partial set of 50 cutters for Stanley 55 combination plane. This set is in identical condition as lot 72 with very good boxes. G+ \$ 100-200

72 complete set of 52 Stanley 55 cutters in correct 4 boxes , all with good labels and lids. G+ 100-200



74 Complete set of 17 cutters for Stanley 50 small plough plane. From a US model with black finish. Good label and lid. G+ \$ 50-100



- **75** partial set of 14 Stanley 50 cutters in UK cutter box. G \$ 40-80
- **76** partial set of 9 Stanley 45 plough cutters in cutter box 1 G \$ 30-60



cutter and approximately 90% japanning intact. Owner's mark on side. G+ \$ 150-300

- 78 Bedrock 607 jointer plane FT (flat top) Two-line Bedrock lever cap has small chip on one corner. SW cutter, good wood. Most japanning is gone, rust in bed and on sides. Needs cleaning. G \$ 120-250
- 79 Right-hand fence for Stanley 55. Most plating intact, good wood G+ \$ 20-40
- 80 Sliding section for Stanley 55. Well over 95% plating intact. G+ \$ 20-40
- 81 Auxi tower for Stanley 55, complete with screws. Well over 95% nickel plating intact. G+ \$ 50-100





- Stanley 30 angle divider with most of the nickel plating intact. SW logo on cross bar, two holes for wooden fence lining if required. G \$ 40-80
- 83 Lot of five Stanley pamphlets from the 1920s to the 60s. G \$ 10-20
- 84 Stanley 40 ½ scrub plane with great wood and full T logo cutter. Lever cap is not original but fits well. G \$ 70-150

All handles are free of cracks

- 85 Rosewood set for Stanley 3 or 4. F \$ 30-60
- 86 Rosewood set for Stanley 4. Minor paint splatters. G+ \$ 30-60
- SW rosewood set for Stanley 4 etc with partial decal. G++ \$ 30-60
- 88 Rosewood handle for larger Stanley planes 5-8. Minor dirt spots. G+ 20-50
- 89 Low knob rosewood set for larger Stanley planes. Original early handle, I think it came from a 10. Some dirt. G 30-60
- SW rosewood handle for 90 larger Stanley planes. F \$ 30-60

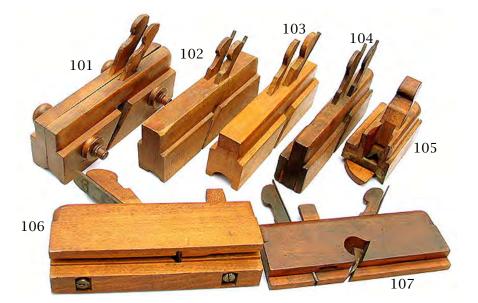




- pitting spots. G \$ 20-40
- Lot of 7 hollows and rounds for Stanley combination planes G \$ 20-40
- Three reeding cutters G 10-20 93
- 94 9 beads for Stanley combo planes. G \$ 20-40
- 95 Eight plough cutters for Stanley combo planes. G \$ 10-20
- Twelve profile cutters for Stanley combination planes. G \$ 30-60

- Set of No 1-8 plough plane cutters, 7 Atkins, one 97 Mathieson G \$ 20-40
- 98 Set of No 1-8 plough plane cutters, mixed English makers.
- 99 Set of No 1-8 plough plane cutters, mixed English makers. G \$ 20-40
- 100 Fine set of Mathieson 1-8 cutters. F \$ 40-80





1/2' dado plane with wooden depth stop by J. Miller (1855-1875) G+ 25-50

Greenslade toothing plane. Gold Medal mark on toe. VG Sorby cutter. One scratch on sole G \$ 30-60

Lot of 7 profile planes incl. quarter round, single reed, a matching pair of sash planes, beads etc. All G+ \$ 70-120

Fine Mathieson 6 1/2" beech compass plane with a 1 3/4" cutter F 30-60

Impressive 3 inch wide ogee. Thompson mark is not listed G+ \$ 40-90

Mathieson 7/8" beech dado plane. Replaced cutter wedge G 20-40

Ohio Tool Co double-sided sash plane in good condition. Minor nicks , cutters need re-shaping. G+ \$ 50-100

Double iron sash plane marked Union Factory. Some fine age cracks, overall G \$ 30-60

Double iron 1 ¼" nosing plane by Ohio Tool Co. G+ \$ 40-80

Complex double-iron ogee plane by Turner. Some age cracks. G \$ 30-60

Preston beech chamfer plane with replaced cutter (not shown) G 40-80

Glass check plane with wooden depth stop. I believe all of these planes were made in Scotland. Owner's marks only F \$ 40-80





113 Lot of 5 coachmaker's beech palm/thumb planes from 3" to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". One lacks cutter. All G/G+ \$ 60-120







Beech pod brace with 9 pods. I don't think many users will jump on it for their workshop but they do make great display pieces mounted on a board. G \$ 70-150

115 Ebony and brass Ultimatum trade brace with the usual Marples Ultimatum marks plus the added mark of the dealer R. Lloyd & Co. Excellent condition with very minor age cracks. About 2/3rd of the ivory ring on the head is intact. G+ \$ 220-450

116 Unusually large oak pod brace, looks similar to chair maker's brace. Stock without pod is 16" long. Some age cracks. G \$ 50-100



This unique Australian brass thumb plane was made by Cameron Miller, the last in a family of pedigree Victorian plane makers, spanning well over a century. 1-3/4" long, 5/8" high and about 1/2" wide. C.R.Miller hasn't made a plane for years. This is one of the very few chances you'll get to acquire a super rare Aussie plane. F A\$ 150-300

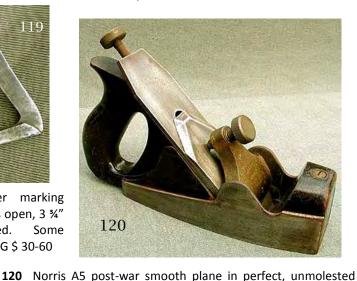


117A Japanese carved oak sumitsubo (ink pot) - same as a chalk line but uses ink. This is an early example with a traditional carving of a turtle on the top. Well used tool with a neat old repair to a split in one side. Worlds apart from the new stuff sold today. Signed on bottom. PS: a new tool in this exact style is offered for \$ 500 plus on a Japanese web site! . G \$ 60-120





119 Timber marking knife, 6 inches open, 3 ¾" when folded. Some pitting marks. G \$ 30-60



118 Spiers dovetailed steel smooth plane with embossed Spiers Ayr logo on brass lever cap. Marked dovetailed on toe. Replaced cutter and old and beautifully replaced ebony

handle that goes extremely well with the rosewood. There is a fine hairline crack in the front bun. Steel sides and sole and mouth are fine. Most attractive plane. G+ \$ 250-500

- 121 German level 11 ¼ x 3 ½ x 7/8" with large clinometer. Plumb vial is dry. Approximately 1920-30. G 60-120
- 122 a very ornate 10" rosewood level. Rounded corners show age and wear. No maker's mark. Early vial intact, brass inlay is outstanding. G-80-160
- 123 Mathieson 7C rosewood level with brass top plate and brass feet. Crisp edges, as found condition. F \$ 40-80
- 124 Preston 8" ebony level with brass top plate. Crisp edges, original vial. F \$40-80



condition with around 95% finish intact. 2 1/8 " Norris cutter has

had very little use. No apologies. F \$ 250-500



125 22" fully brass bound Stratton rosewood level and plumb. Both vial are intact. Few minor nicks. G A\$ 60 -120



127 The American Combined Level and Grade Finder by Helb, Railroad PA Pat 1904. Clinometer, compass on top, peep hole, level and plumb, all vials and dials intact. Few age cracks, minor chips and paint spots. As found condition, 24" long. G \$ 100-200



133 AMT boxed lot of 3 brass violin planes. AMT was one of the first US tool companies who imported their economy range of hand tools from overseas. They have long stopped this line of business. Tomorrow's collectables. G+50-100

- **128** Massive coachmaker's brass rebate shave. Takes a 2" single iron. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long. G \$ 60-120
- 129 Attractive coachmaker's brass T-rebate plane with a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " cutter. Base is 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long, overall length with tail is 7" G \$ 60-120
- **130** Excellent, very tidy steel rebate plane with mahogany infill and wedge. 7/8" skewed cutter with low pitch and a perfect mouth make this a super quality woodworking tool. G+ \$ 60-120
- **131** Quality brass bullnose plane with steel sole and VG cutter by Marples. Rosewood wedge has old repair. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ x 1 G+ $\frac{5}{2}$ 50-100
- **132** Brass V-tool (beader) by OF MFG CO. Double sided cutter. Tool is 6" long. G \$ 30-60



134 Mathieson 17" beech jack plane in VG condition. Minor scuff marks on sole. All parts original including cutter and back iron. G+ \$ 20-50



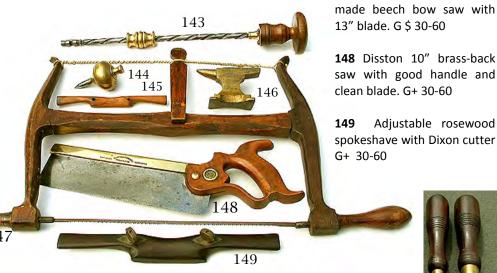
- **135** Disston 14" brass back tenon saw with good handle and good steel blade with minor rust spots, no pitting. G \$ 20-40
- **136** 12" steel back tenon saw by Dunford Bros. Good steel, good handle. G \$ 15-30
- **137** Scraper with short handle and round sole. Pat Feb 7, 1899 on strap is attributed to C. L. Britt G \$ 20-40
- **138** One inch corner chisel or bruzz by Humphreysville Mfg Co. Hickory handle looks like a hammer handle. G \$ 25-50
- **139** Two Preston Quirk routers, both with fence and marked cutters, one 1/8" the other 1/16". G \$ 50-100
- 140 Two cobbler's hammers by Crispin. G \$ 20-40
- **141** Yankee No 41 drill with 5 bits and No 133H screwdriver with 3 bits. G+ 20-50
- 142 Lufkin dipping tape. G \$ 20-40

143 Large 17" Archimedean drill with beech head and brass slide. G+ \$20-50

144 Henry Boker 16 oz brass plumb bob G \$ 20-40

145 small 7" beech spoke-shave, no maker. G 10-20

146 4" brass anvil in as found condition. Top shows wear. G \$ 20-40



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150 Lot of 6 patternmaker's cranked gouges by Buck Bros, early mark. Clean steel. G+ \$80-160

151 Two long Ward gouges with great patina. 1 1/8" shallow sweep and 1/2" normal sweep. Super fine steel with miniscule rust spots only. G+ 40-80



147 Very attractive custom

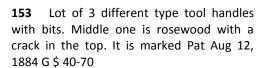
Adjustable rosewood

152 Good lot of over 20 small carving and engraving tools for jewellers, gunstock makers, watchmakers etc. These are quality vintage tools, most of them with maker's marks from Switzerland, France & England. G \$ 50-100

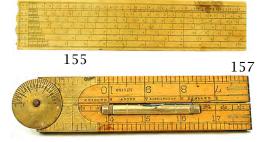


155 Ivory draftsman's rule 6" x 1 1/4. Nicely scalloped edge on one side. G \$ 30-50

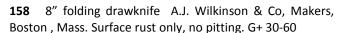
156 Lenk small brass blowtorch and small alcohol burner, both with labels. G+ \$ 30-60



Marples 044 plough plane complete with all parts/cutters & instructions in custom made wooden box. F \$ 40-80



157 Rabone 1190 fourfold two feet boxwood rule with clinometer arch and integrated level. G+\$ 30-60



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Good 1/2" V tool with extra thick, chamfered steel blade. Marked Mifer on top and 79 on bottom. G \$ 10-20

6" drawknife with wooden handles, aka pony shave. Good, clean steel, free of chips or cracks. Very faint maker's mark, I believe it's Jennings. G+ \$ 30-60



- 161 Millers Falls corner brace with rosewood handle and head. Complete and in good working order. G \$ 60-120
- **162** Lot of 13 auger bits in 3-tier wooden box with darkened label by Russell Jennings. Bits include other makes. G \$ 30-70
- 163 Two good oilstones in great old wooden cases, one with lid one without. G \$ 20-40
- **164** Large coopers chamfer drawknife with Burton maker's mark. G \$ 40-80
- **165** German *Dengle* hammer and anvil, used to flatten scythe and sickle blades before sharpening them with the whetstone. G \$ 60-120
- **166** Three Atkins and Disston saw setting tools for crosscut saws. G \$ 20-40





167 Massive panel raiser 14 1/2 inches long and 4 3/4 inches wide. Toe is marked *Union Factory Warranted & H. Chapin. Heal is marked 3 1/2 and No. 198.* Cutter by W. Butcher Sheffield. The pulling hole (for stick or rope) looks like an early addition, everything else is original and G+ \$ 120-250

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If you have a few tools for sale you can use the *Classifieds* section on my web site free of charge.

For larger lots or entire collections you might want to participate in one of my tool catalogue auctions for a fee. I'm Australia's only professional full time tool auction manager with a long history of successful tool sales.

Out of the last twenty major tools sales in this country I managed all but five. Tap into my large customer base and your tools will sell for a fair market price.

There is no limit to either quality or quantity of lots I accept for the upcoming sales. Three sales are planned for this year, the next one will be in late July. If you would like to enter your tools please contact me now.





quality precision tools, mostly Starrett including V block, surface gauge, inside micrometer set, last word test indicator, 4inch square, tool maker's clamps, 2 levels etc. Also included are 3 Starrett tool catalogues covering the last 100 years of tool making plus a close to perfect Starrett 4 piece 12" combination set. The tool box is very well made and shows little wear. Key is included. Box is marked B G Parker on top. It measures 500mm x 215mm x 310mm. It has two handles on the sides. Tools and box G+/F \$ 600-1,200



170 Rusby drill, cast iron with all three wooden handles intact. Marked Rusby Patent on strap near gears. Close to 100% original finish intact. 16" long. G+ \$ 70-150

169 Scarce Lowentraut wagon brace, complete with detachable handle, combines a buggy wrench with a brace. Maker's marks on jaws, embossed 20th Century on both sidesmust have looked like a tool for the new century when it was first patented Apr. 28, 1896. G 120-250



171 This 5" wrench is the smallest buggy wrench I've come across. Pat Nov 2, 1880 on one side and maker's mark on other. Minor pitting spots. G \$ 70-150



172 Adjustable hollow auger by Stearns, complete with depth stop. G \$ 30-60

173 Large dowel sharpener (pointer) with 3" opening. Inside painted red, either original or done long ago. G $\$ 20-40

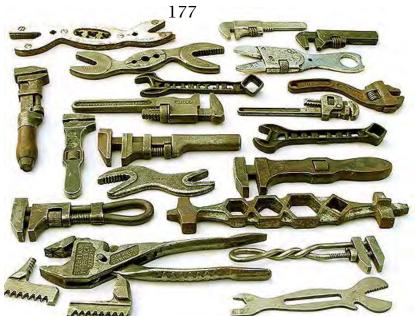
174 Two inch dowel sharpener G \$ 20-40

175 Adjustable hollow auger with a lot of the original finish intact. Complete with depth stop. Maker is Ladd Tool Co. G+ \$ 40-80



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176 Record 100 year anniversary anvil. 5" long, 2" tall and weighs about 500 grams. G \$ 25-50



177 Lot of 20 collectable wrenches, most of them made in USA with maker's marks. Note that these are all small to medium sizes, from around 6" to 10". First and probably last time I sell such a good wrench lot in bulk. \$ 120-250



178 Lot of 3 miniature oil cans, under 4 inches tall, one with embossed top Eagle Pat Appl for Made in USA G \$ 30-60



179 Block and Tackle set with rope guide (break) Cast iron with several markings. Diameter of rollers 2", takes ½" rope. Some rust G \$ 30-60



180 Quality leather roll *Lufkin leatherware by Parker* with over 20 clean auger bits by various English & US makers plus 5 shell & other bits by Mathieson. All G+ S 30-60

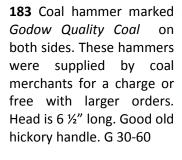


181 Double sided spanner by Diamond Chalk Horse Shoe Co. 12" long G \$ 40-80

182 Double sided spanner by Diamond Chalk Horse Shoe Co. 6" long G \$ 30-60



184 Mechanical Counter by Durant Mfg. Co. Milwaukee, Wis $8\,1/2" \times 2\,3/4" \times 2"$ - first sold in 1879 to the Milwaukee Rolling Mill to count bags of flour. Wall mounted unit, only works in that position. G \$ 20-50







186 Beautifully made bung borer by *US Bung Mfg Co* with 12" beech handle. G+ 30-60





187 French strapped carpenters hatchet with 4 %" cutting edge. Old handle with age cracks. G \$ 40-80

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188 Cooper's broad axe with offset hickory handle by F WEED & JN HELMER LOCKPORT NY . 8 %" cutting edge. Small stress crack in centre otherwise G \$ 70-150

189 Half axe / hatchet $\it Hickory$ Brand Kelley-How-Thompson . Made by Kelly, their mark is on the back. 1 ½ lbs. Some mushrooming to top, otherwise G \$ 40-80



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March 2012 Sale

Welcome back to my catalogue sales. They are a lot more work with less certain outcomes than fixed price internet sales but they are the very thing that sets me apart from any other tool seller in Australia. I can't turn the clock back, internet sales are here to stay but isn't it so much nicer to leaf through a hard copy catalogue?

I pride myself in offering the best quality collectable tools with *realistic estimates*. It is my trademark combination of price and quality that limited the number of tools that made it into this sale. It takes a lot more than a cheque book to find the best tools at the right price.

I grade the condition of the lots from P (poor) Fr (fair) G (good) G+ (very good) to F (fine)

You don't have to follow my estimates. Bid for a win or to snatch up a bargain – just make sure you are in it to win it! I consider the lower estimate an absolute bargain price. The higher estimate represents what I think is a realistic retail price.

This is an absentee auction (technically it is tender sale). There are no room bidders. The highest bid wins the lot. Your bids will not be disclosed.

Maximum bids: Over the years I used many different methods with elaborate incremental bidding rules. Let us keep this simple and straightforward from now on: bid what the tool is worth to you and that's what you pay - if nobody else wants it more.

From past experience I can tell you that most lots sell within the estimate range; the odd one attracts more attention and others go for a song. That's the system, sometimes it works for me, sometimes against me—don't come crying to me after the sale and tell me you would have bought a tool for that price any day! Put in some bids and see how you go.

You can bid by mail, email or just call me during business hours. Don't leave it too late, bidding closes March 15, 12.00. Postal bids that arrive later cannot be included. I'll invoice you the day after the auction. Postage and handling is extra.

Upcoming sales are scheduled for July, November and March. Dates and details will be announced on my web site.

I hope you enjoy the new catalogue.

Hans Brunner