



111. Auction

Lot No.

343

Estimate

2,200 – 4,500 €

Gustave Sandoz

A fine Parisian minute repeating hunting case pocket watch

CASE

18 K gold, engine-turned, monogrammed, case maker's punch mark "MF" (Meylan Frères).
Very good.

DIAL

Enamel.
Very good, hairline.

MOVEMENT

Bridge movement, 2 hammers / 2 gongs, club-tooth lever escapement, gold screw compensation balance.
Very good, capable of running, cleaning needed.

CASE NO.	31742
DIMENSIONS	50 mm
ORIGIN	France
WEIGHT	118 g

Gustave Sandoz, or Jacques-Gustave Sandoz, as is his full name, was born in Paris on September 11, 1836; his father was a watchmaker from the Neuchâtel area. At the age of 13 Gustave began his apprenticeship with the watchmaker Pérusset in the Rue de la Monnaie in Paris; in 1855, aged 19, he was awarded the "Grand prix d'honneur de l' Association polytechnique" established by Napoleon III. Sandoz later worked in the Lepine workshops which had by then been taken over by Boulay, with the famous Paul Garnier and for the Breguet company; he eventually set up his own workshop in the Rue de la Monnaie. In 1861 he moved to the Passage Sainte Anne; this was at the time when the Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers commissioned him with the maintenance of

their timekeepers and instruments - this added considerably to his reputation. In 1865 he moved for the last time and established himself at the famous Palais Royal no. 147-148, where he was quite close to the illustrious companies Boucheron and (later) Lalique. One of his chronometers won a second prize in 1882 at the Geneva observatory test and Sandoz won a gold medal a year later in Amsterdam. Sandoz represented the renowned Swiss company Vacheron & Constantin and presented a lady's exclusive gold wristwatch (that was wound by turning the bezel) at the World Exhibition in Paris in 1889 - the watch had been made specially for this occasion. In the same year he became a founding member of the Société d' Encouragement aux Arts et à l'Industrie. He was made an Officier of the French Legion of Honour and appointed "Horloger de la Marine"; Gustave Sandoz died in 1891. A street near the former Renault manufacturing plants was named in honour of Sandoz. His son Gustave Roger, born on May 28, 1867, took over the business in the Palais Royal



