



Online Auction II

Lot No.

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Estimate

5,000 – 6,500 €

Maurer y Cia

An impressive, heavy hunting case pocket watch with experimental quarter-hour repeater mechanism, delivered to the Patek Philippe retailer Maurer y Cia in Barcelona/Spain

CASE

18 K gold, guilloché pattern, case maker's punch mark "P.M.&F.", pusher for the repeater at "4".
Very good, slightly worn.

DIAL

Enamel.
Very good.

MOVEMENT

Specially designed bridge movement, 1 hammer / 1 gong, club-tooth lever escapement, screw compensation balance.
Very good, capable of running, cleaning recommended.

CASE NO.	76063
DIMENSIONS	54 mm
CIRCA	1890
ORIGIN	Spain
WEIGHT	148 g

To activate the repeater, the pusher at 4 o'clock must be pressed while turning the crown. If the crown is turned forward, the repeater strikes the hours. If the pusher is released, then pressed again while turning the crown in the opposite direction, the repeater strikes the quarter hours. Thus the watch can be operated independently, so that it only strikes the hours, the quarter hours or both.

Oswald Maurer was born in Lauterbach in the Black Forest on August 5, 1820. In 1847 Maurer took a position in Barcelona, where his future father-in-law Karl Wehrle had a watch shop. Karl Wehrle returned to Germany in 1855 and Oswald Maurer took over the running of the business in Barcelona. The business was extended in 1862 and renamed "Oswald Maurer y Cia". Oswald Maurer ordered the production of wall clocks with wooden movements from the Black Forest industry, to sell them in the Barcelona shop. We do not know whether he supervised the production of the clocks himself or delegated it to members of his family. The clocks were signed "Oswald Maurer & Cie Eisenbach". After Oswald Maurer died on April 11, 1893, he left three heirs: Adolf Maurer in Eisenbach, Karl Maurer in Barcelona and Albert Maurer in Madrid. Karl Maurer was director of "Maurer y Cia" until 1916, when he returned to Germany permanently. He presumably bought much of his stock in the Black Forest. A catalog dating from 1908 presents a selection of German clocks, with cuckoo clocks, alarm, wall and table clocks among them. There were also brands such as Junghans, Lenzkirch Bürk as well as timepieces from Morez in France. The company Maurer y Cia also acted as representative for renowned brands such as Patek Philippe and Longines.



