



Stephen Webb for Collinson & Lock, a Renaissance Revival Inlaid Corner Cabinet

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Price on Application

MAKER	Collinson & Lock
DESIGNER	Stephen Webb
PERIOD	Renaissance Revival , 1870-1879
YEAR	1870
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Satinwood, Velvet
DIMENSIONS	H: 77.57 in (197.03 cm) W: 43 in (109.22 cm) D: 23 in (58.42 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

Stephen Webb for Collinson & Lock of London

An outstanding exhibition quality satinwood and marquetry Renaissance Revival inlaid corner cabinet of the style exhibited at the London International Exhibition in 1871, America and Vienna, and at the Paris 1878 Exhibition. The glazed top section with original red velvet lining. Illustrated in the *Collinson & Lock* catalogue.

Collinson & Lock of London 'Art Furnishers', founded with the partnership of F. G. Collinson and G. J. Lock, former employees of Jackson and Graham. Designers employed by the firm included T. E. Collcutt, the architect of their premises; **E. W. Godwin**, who was

paid a retainer to produce exclusive designs for the company from 1872 to 1874, H. W. Batley, and **Stephen Webb**.

They made furniture for the new Law Courts to designs by **G. E. Street**, along with **Gillows** and **Holland & Sons**, and began decoration of the Savoy Theatre in 1881. Jackson and Graham was taken over in 1885, at the time when the firm had moved to Oxford Street and begun to focus on expensive commissions for grandiose London houses. The firm was taken over by **Gillows** in 1897.

The firm of **Collinson & Lock** was established in London in the third quarter of the 19th century and quickly achieved both commercial success and a leading position in the field of design. In 1871, the firm issued an impressive illustrated catalogue of 'Artistic furniture', with plates by J. Moyar Smith, assistant to **Christopher Dresser**, and in 1873 was trading from extensive newly built premises in St Bride Street.

The firm continued to produce very high quality items of furniture and soon began to experiment with new materials and designs, becoming especially renowned for their distinctive combinations of rosewood and ivory and their intricate Italianate arabesques, traditional figures, and scrolling foliage.

This form of decoration clearly points toward the involvement of **Stephen Webb**, **Collinson & Lock's** chief designer who was later appointed Professor of Sculpture at the Royal College of Art.