



Fig. 14 Carrying Box

BICKNELL & MOORE, OLD BOND STREET, LONDON.

A reinforced pine carrying box (100cm cms long), with two locking doors, plus a single internal shelf, was recently photographed in an antique dealer's warehouse (Fig. 14). The inside door is stencilled with the words BICKNELL & MOORE, OLD BOND STREET, LONDON (Fig. 15). The surface finish to this box has been removed. However, it has been noted that similar carrying boxes have been treated with a black varnish.

Only one reference to Bicknell and Moore has been found in the London trade directories. Robson's London Commercial Directory of 1835 describes Bicknell & Moore as a hat and accoutrement makers in Old Bond Street. In the following year, 1836, the London Post Office directory refers to a Wm. Moore, Hatters and Army Accoutrement maker to His Majesty, 1 Old Bond Street, Piccadilly.

I would welcome any comments from members regarding the specific purpose of this type of box.

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Fig. 15 Stencil mark of Bicknell & Moore