



## 20TH CENTURY DECORATIVE ART & DESIGN (A620)

Tue, 2nd Jun 2015

**Viewing:** 29 May 2015 9.00am - 5.00pm 31 May 2015  
10.00am - 1.00pm 1 June 2015 9.00am - 5.00pm 2 June 2015  
from 9.00am

### Lot 87

**Estimate:** £1000 - £1500 + Fees

#### **An ebonised coromandel and inlaid octagonal centre table**

An ebonised coromandel and inlaid octagonal centre table, designed by E W Godwin (1833-1886), probably manufactured by Collinson & Lock, raised on turned tapering legs, supporting horizontal bars centred with a spindle, fitted with brass caps and castors, 101cm diameter 73.5cm high

The table is believed to have been purchased by Andrew Muir (1817-1899), a wealthy merchant who, with Archibald Mirrielees (1797-1877), established Muir & Mirrielees in Moscow. The department store became a household name throughout the Russian Empire - Chekhov went there to buy his hats, ordered furniture from them for his house in Yalta and even named his dogs after the founders.

Following the Revolution in 1917 it was nationalised and named TsUM which continues to trade.

Entered for sale from a descendant of Andrew Muir.

Literature: For similar examples, see: Jeremy Cooper's 'Victorian and Edwardian Furniture and Interiors', plate 327, p.140; 'E W Godwin: Aesthetic Movement Architect and Designer', edited by Susan Weber Soros, p.237, plate 8-22; Harvey Pitcher 'Muir & Mirrielees - The Scottish Partnership that became a Household name in Russia', p.100, plate 18. A similar table is shown in the photograph of the interior of Andrew Muir's London residence at 42 Holland Park.

#### **Condition Report**

Water damage to top. Veneer loss. One leg reset. Spindle repaired. Split to top edge. A barn find!