

Sale Name: 14th Annual Montana Spring Auction

LOT 11A - Antique D.R. Sperry & Co. Cast Iron Sugar Kettle 25 1/2 gal



Description

Cast iron sugar kettle with original bail handle manufactured by D.R. Sperry & Co. of Batavia, Illinois. This 19th century heavy-duty vessel features a three-leg tripod design, substantial cast iron construction, and period-appropriate foundry details.

Cast iron construction with traditional three-leg tripod base designed for outdoor or hearth cooking. The exterior shows maker's marks identifying it as a D.R. Sperry & Co. product from Batavia, Illinois, based on catalog comparison. Confirmed as a No. 6 size with 25½ gallon capacity according to period catalogs. Original swing bail handle remains intact with functional attachment points.

The kettle exhibits classic late 19th century American industrial craftsmanship with rounded sides, clean rim edge, and sturdy tripod legs for stability over open flames. These kettles were marketed as "Sugar or Wash Kettles" and were multi-purpose

vessels used for rendering lard, making soap, boiling laundry, processing sugar, and various farm and household tasks.

Condition Notes:

Surface shows expected patina and oxidation consistent with age and use. No significant cracks or structural damage present. Expected minor surface irregularities and wear consistent with functional use. Some areas show natural rust formation on exterior. The bail handle functions as designed with appropriate movement range. Interior retains usable cooking surface. Refer to the pictures and in person inspection for condition.

Approximate Dimensions:

16 × 26 × 26 inches

Quantity: 1



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