



W. A. S. Benson – Arts and Crafts Four-Leg Table Lamp Converted to Electricity

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£1,250

MAKER	W. A. S. Benson
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1900-1909
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Brass, Copper
DIMENSIONS	H: 13 in (33.02 cm) W: 7.5 in (19.05 cm) D: 7.5 in (19.05 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

An **Arts and Crafts table lamp** by **W. A. S. Benson**, brass and copper, with a four-leg base and oil reservoir **converted to electricity**, dated 1900.

This **brass and copper table lamp**, designed by **W. A. S. Benson** around **1900**, reflects the *Arts and Crafts movement's* emphasis on elegant utility and visible craftsmanship. Originally an oil lamp later converted for electricity, the form comprises a rounded copper reservoir mounted above a brass support and four splayed legs. The structural balance between the domed bowl and the low, arched

base typifies Benson's understanding of proportion and mechanical grace.

Benson's metalwork epitomised the rational beauty promoted by the movement, combining functional purpose with refined material harmony. His lamps were often retailed through Morris & Co., bringing artisanal design into the domestic sphere. The conversion has been sensitively executed, retaining the lamp's original fittings and surface integrity. The brass and copper surfaces have developed a mellow tone consistent with age and use.