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The Story

This is truly the ultimate Big Boy's Toy. Contained within a safe of impressive proportions, we have assembled an eclectic compendium of table and board games to challenge, amuse and entertain - but first a little of the history of the safe itself:

The A. Frankel Fabrik of Vienna was a company of esteemed safe makers in the Austrian Empire of the nineteenth century. Suppliers to the hierarchy of the time, this magnificent fortress would have been commissioned for a captain of industry, an army general or even a member of the royal household itself. Dominating whichever position it held, be that a castle, a palace, or a government building in the beautiful city of Wien, the complex locking mechanism attests to its importance and that of its valuable contents.

Three different keys are needed to open the safe, the structure of which is imposing. With a sunburst crest on its crown, it stands head and shoulders above the average man. The brass plaques boast of its Austrian origins, and confirm the fact that the structure is fireproof.

A new base has been created in solid mahogany veneered and cross-banded in rosewood in complete sympathy with the restored trompe l'oeil exterior of the upper cabinet. An exciting surprise awaits he or she who opens the drawer in the base:

a retro electric train set? The Orient-Express, no less!

Inside the upper cabinet, compartmentalised on brass-labelled trays, are the games themselves:



backgammon and chess boards in ash and mahogany; the chess pieces hand-carved and triple weighted. Packs of cards for poker, bridge, rummy and canasta. A selection of dice with stitched leather cups. A set of vintage bone and ebony dominoes. Edwardian hand-turned counters for the game of draughts. A cribbage board. A mahogany roulette wheel with full complement of coloured chips, with a rake and large-size cloth - what else could the avid player possibly want?

And as an extra bonus, behind the engraved steel door of the upper safe cabinet, we have sourced a small selection of antique toys: - Rich Uncle from the States - a 1940s American Stock Market game. - Motor Race across London - a 1950s game with the metal cars all intact. A wonderful Snakes and Ladders board, beautifully preserved in all its Victorian glory.

This safe is indeed a one-off piece of craftsmanship and engineering; just imagine the dropped jaws of your amazed clients or friends when you open the vault-like door and reveal the fun and frivolity within - truly the ultimate social centrepiece!

Dimensions:

81 cms wide x 198 cms high x 73 cms deep

Weight:

300 kgs.