



W. A. S. Benson & Heywood Sumner. Rare Arts & Crafts Brass & Copper Fire Fender

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Price on Application

MAKER	W. A. S. Benson
DESIGNER	Heywood Sumner
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Copper, Brass
DIMENSIONS	H: 8.27 in (21 cm) W: 51.57 in (131 cm) D: 12.01 in (30.5 cm)
CONDITION	Excellent

About this piece

William Arthur Smith Benson and Heywood Sumner

A rare and probably unique Arts & Crafts brass and copper fireplace fender surmounted with six finials and six leaf-shaped feet. The main body with alternating brass and copper discs, each with embossed floral decoration. The floral decoration to the discs is probably the design of Heywood Sumner, who collaborated with Benson on some of his lighting designs, particularly a three branch brass and copper wall candle sconce, also with embossed floral decoration.

This particular model with floral embossed details to the discs is probably the rarest and hardest one to find. Even after extensive research, I cannot find another one that has ever come onto the market before. I have found two almost identical Benson fenders of the same form, but both of those have plain disks devoid of the embossed floral decoration.

It is illustrated in the *W A S Benson Catalogue*, number 503, and the most beautiful of the five illustrated on that page.