Engraved Carriage Clock with Centre Seconds



An 1840s engraved Swiss one piece timepiece carriage clock, with a rarely found duplex escapement. This clock woudl have been made for the Chinese market, who favoured the centre sweeping seconds hand.
The case is fully enclosed with floral engraved panels, all newly regilded in a soft satin finish.
The eight-day movement has a crab-tooth duplex escapement with a blued steel ‘bat wings’ balance – this style of balance was favoured by the Chinese market to allow a for a sweeping seconds hand so that time could be seen visibly passing. The backplate is signed *M B BREVET D’INVENTION*, a trademark for Maison Bovet, whose history can be found here. The Bovet Freres had their workshops in Fleurier, Switzerland, and had cornered the Chinese market for pocket watches and carriage clocks in the early 1800s.
The white enamel dial has Roman numerals within an outer minute track, and very fine Breguet type moon hands with a sweeping seconds hand.
16.5cm high handle up.
Overhauled and guaranteed for 3 years.