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Lot 119

TILLER-CLOWES FAMILY TROUPE ENGLISH TRICK MARIONETTE OF SCARAMOUCHE, LATE 19TH CENTURY

Painted wood and fabric, telescopic with three heads

75cm x 25cm x 15cm

Note: Scaramouche, from Italian scaramuccia, "little skirmisher", is a clown and one of the great stock characters in the Punch and Judy puppet shows with roots in commedia dell'arte. During performances, Punch frequently strikes Scaramouche, causing his head to come off his shoulders. Because of this, the term scaramouche has become associated with a class of clown marionette with extendable necks.