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**A RARE 'JUPE'S' EXTENSIBLE MECHANICAL
ACTION CIRCULAR DINING TABLE BY
JOHNSTONE & JEANES OF NEW BOND STREET**

**Dimensions: H: 28.5 in / 72 cm
Diameter (closed): 60 in / 152 cm
Diameter (smaller segments): 73 in / 184.5 cm**

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Diameter (larger segments): 84.5 in / 214 cm

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A Rare 'Jupe's' Extensible Mechanical Action Circular Dining Table
By Johnstone & Jeanes of New Bond Street

Together with its original Leaf Cabinet
By Johnstone & Jeanes

Constructed in mahogany, rising from four 'lions paw' feet joined by an incurved quadripartite platform from which stems the central support pedestal with fluted and turned baluster forms; the table when fully closed has a moulded edge and 28.5 inches diameter, but, with the help of the ingenious patent operation, the frame opens to receive one of two sets of eight different sized brass-tipped segment-form leaves, enabling the diameter to be increased to a maximum diameter of 84.5 inches.

Stamped on the carcass 'Johnstone, Jupe & Co' with corresponding marks on the brass caps for 'Johnstone & Jeanes Patentees,' the metal component marked 'Jupe's Patent,' and the leaf cabinet also stamped 'Johnstone & Jeanes.'

English, circa 1840



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Literature:

The design typifies the spirit of the age. England was in the grip of the Industrial Revolution and the machine was king. Engineered to perfection, the result of the complex mechanism is a wonderfully elegant table that is simple to use. Expanding with ease from its smallest size to its largest in a blink, the table increases from six seats to twelve.

Robert Jupe patented in 1835 his revolutionary extensible dining table, and is recorded at 47 Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square London until 1840. John Johnstone joined him in partnership, and they traded from 67 New Bond Street until 1841 as Johnstone, Jupe & Co, and after Jupe's death, the firm traded as 'Johnstone & Jeanes' until 1880. The firm eventually closed in 1904.