



Senior & Carmichael

"The hands-on element is very important to us because it improves our understanding of the pieces of furniture we can actually design. If we step aside from that we will never see all of the problems."

Charles Wheeler-Carmichael

Partners for twenty years, Rupert Senior and Charles Wheeler-Carmichael enjoy a challenge. They have always made the moving parts within their furniture, but for many years fostered an ambition to make a mechanically expanding table. One of their more adventurous clients threw down the gauntlet - "...if you can make it, I will buy it." All the work was done in their workshop and on completion this table was awarded a guild mark by the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers.

Expanding mechanical table
(Detail) The caps at the end of each of the bronze arms can be removed to allow candleholders to be attached.





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American black walnut burr with mechanism of polished and patinated bronze and engine turned stainless steel. Seats six to ten. The table expands by turning the top. Eight leaves are then inserted into the spaces created. Detail shows capstan closed. 740 x 1520 - 1880mm diameter 29 x 60 - 74 in.

