

FASCINATING FIND

MAJESTIC MANGLE



Mangles were invented in 1843 to wring water from wet washing by turning a crank handle. They evolved into machines used in hotels and laundries to press large items like sheets and tablecloths.

This one, "The Majestic" was manufactured in Gympie by Newbery and Shambler, who operated a department store in Mary Street in the large building now partly occupied by a discount pharmacy . The cost was about six pounds (\$12) in 1916.

It is on display at the museum at the cottage with lots of other laundry gear .