

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Hand-forged Fiddle Thread & Shell silver cutlery for 12
George Adams

£9,500



Description

Victorian hand-forged, double-struck silver cutlery set for 12 settings and made by George Adams, one of the best cutlery makers of the 19th century. A charming design with the fiddle shape, thread borders and shell motif. On the reverse, shells appear on the heads and heels.

Dating from about 1810, Fiddle Thread & Shell flatware gained popularity in colonial America and is still very popular today.

The set was made in 1856/7 and bears a family crest of a candlestick featuring a lit candle, with the motto UT PROSIM (That I may be of use), for the Foley, Grigg or Greenwood families:

12 table forks
12 dessert forks
12 table soup spoons
12 dessert spoons (1 x 1860 no crest)
12 teaspoons (6 x 1854 no crest)

Since antique knives rarely survive, this service is completed with 12 pairs of modern, Old English Thread & Shell, silver table and dessert knives, with stainless steel blades making them dishwasher-safe.