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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Set of Victorian hand-forged Old English sterling silver cutlery for 12

John Aldwinckle & Thomas Slater

£12,500



Description

This is a hand-forged set of silver Old English cutlery, with all pieces in excellent condition. Makers John Aldwinckle and Thomas Slater were considered two of the best silver flatware makers of the period.

Old English pattern with its simple clean lines, showing a single thumbnail to the reverse of the bowl and the pip on the front of the forks and the back of the spoons, is the definitive British flatware pattern. Its simplicity of style means it will fit seamlessly with contemporary or traditional table settings.

Originally developed in the 1750s, when the upturned ends of Hanoverian pieces were changed to turn down, the new Old English style began. It became the most commonly produced pattern from 1770 to 1800. During the late 18th century variations evolved such as the Old English Bead and the Old English Thread patterns but these gave way to ever more opulent and decorated patterns during the 19th century. At the close of the 19th century Old English was revived and made popular again by a public who had become tired of some of the over-exuberant designs of the Victorian era. It has remained the favoured pattern right through to the present day.

12 table forks

The silver cutlery set comprises:

12 dessert forks

12 tablespoons

12 dessert spoons

12 teaspoons (6 x 1887)

1 basting spoon

2 gravy ladles

Since antique knives rarely survive, this service is completed with 12 pairs of new Old English pattern silver table and dessert knives with stainless steel blades meaning they can be safely washed in the dishwasher.