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Hand-forged Trefid pattern silver soup ladle
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£425



Description

A hand-forged silver soup ladle in the Trefid pattern.

The name trefid (or trifid) means divided or split into three by two clear notches and it is believed the pattern originated in France. Around 1660, Trefid pattern cutlery was the first to be produced in full services and gave birth to a variety of of flatware patterns in England.

Although the use of ladles in Europe can be traced back to the Roman era, and the production of silver flatware made in England from as early as the 13th century, silver ladles were not widespread until the mid-18th-century, following the rise in popularity of the silver soup tureen. Silver ladles were quickly produced in many shapes and sizes, and the number of ladle types seems to have grown with the emergence of silver sauce ladles, stew ladles, slotted ladles and punch ladles, to name just a few.