

# LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Set of hand-forged Rattail pattern silver cutlery for 12  
Asprey & Co

£8,500



## Description

Set of hand-forged set of silver Rattail pattern cutlery with four-prong forks, made in London by C J Vander for Asprey & Co. (apart from two table forks). It is a lovely heavy set and all pieces are in excellent condition.

The set has the more modern round bowl soup spoons, the same size as dessert spoons, rather than the more traditional large table spoons for drinking soup.

C J Vander was known for producing high-quality flatware, making many of the traditional patterns by hand and some completely modern designs.

This set of silver cutlery comprises:

- 12 table forks (2 x Goldsmiths & Silversmiths)
- 12 dessert forks
- 12 round bowl soup spoons
- 12 dessert spoons
- 12 teaspoons
- 12 table knives
- 12 dessert knives (1 x Sheffield)

Since antique knives rarely survive, we have completed this set with 18 pairs of modern table and dessert knives with stainless steel blades making them suitable for the dishwasher.

The correct name for this pattern is in fact Hanoverian with Rat Tail but is commonly referred to as Rattail. Hanoverian pattern can be said to be the most important flatware pattern of the 18th century, appearing first in about 1710 and produced into the 1770s. It was subsequently revived in the late 19th century and is still made today in a number of variations but always with the distinctive rat tail on the back of the spoons and forks. The feature developed in an age when craftsmen made spoons in two pieces joining the bowl and handle together by means of soldering using a tapered tail as additional strength to the joint. In addition, most silversmiths craft a prominent rib down the front of the handle.