8-piece gothic-style Victorian sterling silver condiment cruet set

Edward, Edward Jr, John & William Barnard

£3,800



REF: 8405

Langfords
London Silver Vaults • Vaults 8 & 10 • 53-64 Chancery Lane • London • WC2A 1QS
+44 20 7242 6646 • silver@langfords.com • www.langfords.com

Height: 240 mm (9.45")

Width: 230 mm (9.06")

Depth: 155 mm (6.1")

Weight: 664 g

Description

Hand engraved antique silver cruet frame fitted with oblong base and raised on four scrolling supports. The eight cut glass bottles all originals and held in place by plain wirework rings, and four of them are fitted with hand-engraved and hallmarked silver tops. The hand engraving is delicate and crisp.

The condiments of the day would have included among others a combination of oil, vinegar, mustard, caster sugar, pepper, Tabasco, pepper, soy sauce and ketchup; not the thick bright red stuff we have today.

Cruet sets are thought to have originated in France before making their way to England. They were found on many dining tables from the 18th century and became the centrepiece of many a Victorian and Edwardian table. In a variety of designs, sometimes revolving ones, a standard set contained at least four different cruets or vessels for vinegar, salt, pepper and mustard; but sometimes offering up to ten.

The weight given is for the frame only.

Langfords
London Silver Vaults • Vaults 8 & 10 • 53-64 Chancery Lane • London • WC2A 1QS
+44 20 7242 6646 • silver@langfords.com • www.langfords.com