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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Large Victorian silver owl pepper

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Sold



REF: 8520

Height: 95 mm (3.74")

Weight: 89 g

Description

A large antique silver pepper caster in the form of an owl from the Victorian era. The owl has hand-pierced holes in his head to shake out the pepper, and glass eyes.

Known as the king of spices, pepper is one of the oldest and most popular spices in the world as well as the most widely traded. Pepper was so valuable that in ancient Greece and Rome it was used as currency, and during the Middle Ages peppercorns were accepted in lieu of money for dowries, rent and taxes.

In past centuries, noble and wealthy families able to afford pepper would present it in silver pepper pots or pepperettes, in a host of novelty designs, to beautify their table and impress their guests.