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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Early Victorian silver goblet

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Sold



REF: 7168

Height: 115 mm (4.53")

Diameter: 75 mm (2.95")

Weight: 146 g

Description

Elegant, antique silver goblet from the Victorian era, the spreading circular base and tulip-shaped bowl beautifully hand chased with fleur-de-lys scrolls and beading set against a mottled background. The interior is nicely gilded.

In the mid-fifteenth century landed gentry owned goblets and other drinking vessels crafted in silver. Since then, the goblet has remained almost entirely unchanged in its form and, because their design was eminently practical, wine glasses were similarly modelled with flat bases, thin stems and conical bowls.

Superstitious drinkers in the seventeenth century believed that precious metals promoted better health and so the demand for silver goblets increased, but at that time their cost meant that they remained exclusively for the richest.