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Set of antique Edwardian hand-forged 4-prong Rattail pattern silver cutlery for 24

Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Co

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Description

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This set of hand-forged Rattail pattern silver cutlery was made by the Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Co of London in 1902-1907, and it is in excellent original condition. All pieces of flatware are of a heavy gauge of silver, so will provide at least another century of use, if looked after.

Rattail is the oldest of the English designs dating from the early 1700s with the distinctive rat tail on the backs of the spoon bowls and forks. This feature developed in an age when craftsmen made spoons in two pieces joining the bowl and the handle together by means of soldering using a tapered tail as additional strength to the joint. This design also features a prominent rib down the front of the handle and continues to be a popular design to the present day.

This comprehensive silver cutlery service comprises:

24 table forks
24 tablespoons
24 dessert forks
24 dessert spoons
24 teaspoons (2 x 1956)
6 gilded egg spoons
2 basting spoons 30 cm
4 gilded salt spoons
4 sauce - gravy ladles
1 butter spreader -server
1 soup ladle
1 small mustard spoon
1 olive spoon
1 sugar shovel
24 modern large - dinner knives*
24 modern small - dessert knives*
24 Rattail fish knives and forks with silver blades, prongs and handles. (12 pairs 1923 Sheffield, 12 pairs Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Co. 1970, Sheffield)

*Since antique knives rarely survive, this cutlery set includes matching heavy-quality modern knives with silver handles and stainless steel blades, making them suitable for putting in the dishwasher.

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