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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Antique silver-plated nautilus shell spoon warmer

Maker Not Recorded

Sold



REF: 7214

Height: 150 mm (5.91")

Width: 160 mm (6.3")

Description

Victorian silver-plated spoon warmer in the form of a nautilus shell, mounted on a rocky-effect base with plants or seaweed. The spiral coiled body is designed with a moulded wave pattern. Aside from its practical use, this spoon warmer is a decorative piece in its own right.

At a time when the kitchens were generally set far from dining rooms, it was important that food be kept warm while being brought to the rarely heated dining rooms. A large variety of dishes had hot water compartments for the purpose and spoon warmers also made their entrance. Filled with hot water in the kitchen, they were brought to the table with the serving spoons inside, keeping them warm and preventing the food from getting cold.