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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Small Victorian 5-bar silver toast rack

William Hutton & Sons (Edward Hutton)

Sold



REF: 7251

Height: 95 mm (3.74")

Width: 83 mm (3.27")

Depth: 55 mm (2.17")

Weight: 89 g

Description

A simple and attractive antique silver five-bar silver toast rack on an oblong base and supported by four ball feet.

It is believed that silver toast racks started to appear on the breakfast table from the 1780s as part of the general refinement of dining customs among the middle classes. The purpose was to keep the slices of toast separate, allow steam to escape and prevent it becoming soggy. It was, therefore, an essential object to have in the home and still appears on breakfast tables to this day.

Of course, some have found other purposes for the toast rack; a letter rack or place to stack electronic gadgets are the most popular.