Dutch sterling silver cow cream jug

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Height: 100 mm (3.94")

Width: 180 mm (7.09")

Weight: 267 g

Description

Classic, sterling silver cow creamer or milk jug in the form of a mooing dairy cow. This is a heavy-gauge cast silver model with well defined features and a practical pouring spout. As is traditional, the hinged cover is prettily decorated with the image of a fly on the cow's back. This cow creamer model was made overseas and then imported and hallmarked with the English hallmark for London 1958 and is stamped with sterling and 925. All round it is a good quality piece.

It was a Dutch silversmith called John Schuppe arrived in London towards the end of the 18th century and dedicated his work to making almost nothing other than silver cream jugs modelled in the Dutch taste as cows. Many of them were and even still are modelled after Schuppe's signature models featuring scrawny legs and the accompanying fly on the lid. His silver cows appeared to start a craze and other Dutch, German and continental silversmiths started to emulate them, primarily for export to England.

Rather amusingly, the cow creamer was immortalised by PG Wodehouse in The Code of the Woosters, where Jeeves saves the cow creamer.

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