Pair of sterling silver shotgun cartridge peppers

Horace Woodward & Co

£975



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Height: 60 mm (2.36")

Diameter: 22 mm (0.87")

Weight: 59 g

Description

This pair of antique silver pepper pots are realistically modelled as shotgun cartridges, with gilded bases and recessed tops.

Known for their high-class goods, Horace Woodward & Co began in 1851 and continued in business as manufacturing silversmiths well into the 20th century.

Known as the king of spices, pepper is one of the oldest and most popular spices in the world as well as the most widely traded. Pepper was so valuable that in ancient Greece and Rome it was used as currency, and during the Middle Ages peppercorns were accepted in lieu of money for dowries, rent and taxes.

In past centuries, noble and wealthy families able to afford pepper would present it in silver pepper pots or pepperettes to beautify their table and impress their guests.