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Pair of silver-plated mustard pots & spoons

Maker Not Recorded

£225

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Height: 105 mm (4.13")

Diameter: 35 mm (1.38")

Description

Pair of novelty silver-plated mustard pots in the form of Indian clubs complete with mustard spoons. Indian clubs or meels - to use the correct name - are a type of exercise equipment used for developing strength and, despite their common English name implying an Indian origin, the clubs were in fact created and used by wrestlers in ancient Persia. They are still used throughout the Middle East and Asia today.

Mustard has been a popular condiment since medieval times and grand houses would appoint their very own mustarder, whose solely responsibility was to make sure the household mustard was always topped up. In those days mustard was used in dry powder form.

With growing popularity in the 18th century, mustard was produced in wet form and the desire for a specific container to serve it at the table. This spawned a variety of styles and designs, some of them in novelty forms like this lovely pair.

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