Rare set of Victorian hand-forged Paxton pattern sterling silver cutlery for 12

George Adams

£18,600



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Description

In a very rare 19th century design named after Sir Joseph Paxton, notable gardener architect and engineer, this is a lovely hand-forged and double-struck antique set of sterling silver cutlery for 12 people made by George Adams, the premier silver flatware maker of the Victorian era.

Reflecting his life as a gardener, and the Victorian aesthetic, the Paxton pattern is elaborate and features a central flower motif with trailing and scrolling foliate that forms a shield, while a gothic border surrounds the design. Double struck means that the pattern is forged on both sides of the cutlery and is a sign of superior quality and gauge of sterling silver.

Paxton was a distinguished architect, engineer and head gardener at Chatsworth House, one of Britain's finest stately homes where built The Great Conservatory (cultivating the Cavendish banana, today the most consumed banana in the Western world) that would become the test-bed for the prefabricated glass and iron structural techniques which Paxton pioneered and employed for his masterpiece, The Crystal Palace for the Great Exhibition in England in 1851.

George Adams was one of the most reputable cutlery manufacturers o the Victorian era.

Complete services of Paxton cutlery are extremely rare. This cutlery service comprises:

12 table forks
12 table soup spoons
12 dessert forks
12 dessert spoons
12 teaspoons

1 soup ladle
1 cheese scoop
1 sauce ladle

Antique knives in any antique cutlery set rarely survive. We have completed this service with 12 pairs of modern silver table and dessert knives in the Charles II Laceback pattern which are a good complementary match to the set. Fitted with stainless steel blades, they are dishwasher safe.

This set of silver cutlery is not available to purchase online. Please contact us if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.

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