Set of Victorian hand-forged one-date-&-maker Bead pattern sterling silver cutlery for 12 in canteen

George Adams

£18,500



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Description

Fine, hand-forged, Victorian sterling silver cutlery set in the Bead pattern with all pieces made by one of the 19th century's finest silver cutlery makers, George Adams, in 1870. Fitted in a wooden canteen box, this silver cutlery set is in wonderful condition, with very sharp beading and hallmarks. The prongs on the forks are long and robust and this is an exceptionally good example of the Bead pattern.

It was Hester Bateman in the 1780s, the pre-eminent English lady silversmith, who introduced the simple beaded border on the Old English shape creating a neoclassical style that reflected the popularity of bead jewellery of the time and the pattern's popularity carried on into the nineteenth century. It was George Adams' pattern book, circa 1875, that became the reference for naming many of the patterns manufactured in the Victorian era.

This hand-forged silver cutlery set comprises:
12 table forks
12 tablespoons
12 dessert forks
12 dessert spoons
12 teaspoons (1 x 1869)
1 soup ladle
1 basting spoon
3 salt spoons
1 sauce ladle
Sugar tongs

Weight given does not include the knives. Since antique knives rarely survive, this cutlery set is completed with 12 pairs of modern matching silver table and dessert knives, with stainless steel blades making them suitable for putting in the dishwasher.

This antique silver Bead pattern cutlery service is not available to purchase online. Please get in touch if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.

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