

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Set of four Edwardian sterling silver owl menu or place card holders

Sampson Mordan & Co

Sold



REF: 9290

Height: 35 mm (1.38")

Diameter: 31 mm (1.22")

Weight: 84 g

Description

Charming set of four antique silver menu or place card holders in the form of owls. Each characterful silver owl is nicely cast and finely hand chased in detail, and fitted with amber glass eyes. They rest in their original velvet-lined presentation box.

Sampson Mordan was a leading silversmithing firm at the end of the 19th century and early 20th, and the workshop was famous for the fine quality craftsmanship of small silver articles.

As a fine and traditional addition to fine dining, it was the Victorians who first introduced menu holders to our dining tables. Silver menu holders and place card holders were first created to hold a card displaying the menu and, rather than putting a place card holder and name in front of each diner as we often do today, silver menu holders were spread and passed around the dining table.