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Antique Silver Sugar Caster, George II, 1738 – Very Rare

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1105241****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

An antique sterling silver footed caster in a baluster shape, featuring a pierced dome cover and an applied floral pattern—an uncommon decorative element for the time, adding a sense of volume to the caster. In the center, a cartouche is engraved with an eagle. Unfortunately, we could not identify the manufacturer, as one of the letters in the hallmark is rubbed off. However, this does not detract from the uniqueness of this item, which is more than two and a half centuries old. The caster is hallmarked for London, made in 1738. This period saw the rise of tea, coffee, and chocolate drinking, all of which required sugar, making items like sugar casters an essential part of the English tea service. Sugar consumption was a luxury, driven by the increased availability of sugar from colonies, making silver sugar casters both functional and symbolic of wealth. In summary, this rare and distinctive caster was made during a time when luxury tableware was both a sign of social status and practicality. Its design reflects the craftsmanship and stylistic preferences of the early Georgian period. Dimensions: Height 8.2 cm, diameter at the widest part 4.7 cm, base diameter 4 cm. Cond...

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