

SA128614

Unusual English Silver Plated Candle Snuffers and Stand c.1850

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA128614****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

A most unusual candle snuffer set, with the central scissor style snuffer being decorated with a floral and foliate mount; having a sprung scissor action. With side of this piece sit two conical snuffers sitting on their individual holders, to keep them in place. These two conical snuffers are simply held by the little knob on the top while extinguishing a candle, I wondered how this would work and whether it would heat the metal up quickly to burn the fingers .. so I have tested them. Simply held over the candle and lifted up, the snuffer did not get hot enough to cause concern and worked perfectly. The tray is exceptional with a pierced or reticulated gallery all around the shaped base which stands on three decorative foliate feet. The figural handle on the side has a Dolphin attaching it to the base and scrolls up to a terminal in the form of a head, lovely detailing. The underside has some lovely markings, the first the silver plate makers mark for George Richmond Collis of London and Birmingham. There is another three marks " G.R. Collis & Co. " / " Manufacturer " / " Church St. Birm ". George Richmond Collis succeeded Sir Edward Thomason in 1835 at 28 Church Stre...

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