

SA936446

Antique Victorian Novelty Shell Shaped Spoon Warmer 1868 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA936446****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 14 cm (5.5")

Width = 11.8 cm (4.6")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

Description

This is an exceptional and rare antique English silver plated shell shaped spoon warmer, bearing Victorian Diamond Registration Marks for 24th November 1868. At a time when the kitchens were generally set far from dining rooms, it was of great importance that food be kept warm while being brought to the rarely heated dining rooms. Apart from the large variety of dishes that had hot water compartments so the enchanting spoon warmers were invented. Filled also with hot water in the kitchen, they were brought to the table along with the serving spoon(s) which were stored in them until being used and so kept warm. A Victorian invention, of course, considered one of the essential "fancies" to every well-run household, the spoon warmer was very popular. One of a variety of articles created for the demanding and expanding middle class. Silver was seen as a measure of social status and the status conscious were eager to display their new found wealth. There could never be too many objects, you know, as dining rooms were meant to impress. So many glistening objects piled up on sideboards and dining table. Condition: In excellent condition with clear registration marks an...

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