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Pair of Sheffield Silver-Gilt Salt Cellars, 1837

£495

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Description

A fine pair of early 19th-century silver-gilt salt cellars, hallmarked in Sheffield in 1837. Elegantly made and richly finished, these refined table ornaments offer a beautiful example of English silver from the final years of the late Georgian tradition and the beginning of the Victorian era.

The warm golden surface of the gilded interiors and detailing brings a luxurious contrast to the polished silver, while the paired form gives the set a pleasing sense of symmetry and occasion. Intended for the formal dining table, salts of this quality were an important part of a well-appointed service, combining practical use with the craftsmanship and decorative appeal expected of fine English silver.

Sheffield was one of the great centres of British silversmithing, with a long tradition of producing silver of excellent quality for both domestic and ceremonial use. Hallmarked pieces from the period are especially valued for their clarity of design, fine finish, and enduring usability. The date letter for 1837 places this pair at an interesting moment in British history, the year of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne.

Whether used for dining or displayed as part of a silver collection, these elegant salt cellars would bring understated sophistication to a table setting. They would make a lovely addition to a collection of Georgian or early Victorian silver, and are equally well suited as a thoughtful wedding, anniversary, or house gift.

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