



Pair Of Silver Presentation Golf Spoons

Sold



REF: 30840

Height: 12.5 cm (4.9")

Width: 26.5 cm (10.4")

Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

## Description

Pair Of Silver Wine Tasting Golf Spoons.

A fine pair of high quality Victorian silver wine tasting spoons in original fitted case, retailed by Benetfink & Co., Cheapside, London. The spoons with handles in the form of early 19th century style golf clubs with a gutty ball, together with a simple bowl, bowls with silver hallmarks. The hallmarks are Sheffield 1896, A & D (Crown, Lion, d, A & D (Allen & Darwin)). The original black case with fitted interior and a silk lined lid with Benetfink details.

Size is for the fitted box. Spoons are 20 ½ cm in length.

Allen & Darwin (Charles James Allen & Sidney Darwin) Portland Works, Arundel Street, Sheffield, specialised in silver and plated goods such as fruit-knives, fish carvers, dessert knives, and cased goods. They registered silver marks at the Sheffield Assay Office in 1887 and 1892, the partnership was dissolved in 1928.

Benetfink described themselves as 'furnishing ironmongers' and from 1845 to 1907 they had a large store on Cheapside in London. They sold a very large range of metalware items for the home and claimed in an advert in 1852 that they could furnish an eight-roomed house for £5.

As well as selling optical lanterns, chandeliers and lamps they also had a sports department offering bicycles and sports attire. By 1900 they were selling motorcycles as well motoring accessories.

Gamages (also a department store) took over Benetfink and Co. in 1907 and the Cheapside department store became Gamages's City Depot.