

A very rare Charles II Tubular "Tudor Rose" Nutmeg Grater made in
London circa 1680 by John Ruslen

Sold



Description

This is the earliest Nutmeg Grater which we have offered over all of the years. The central section is tubular in form and is scratch engraved with arrow head designs which divide into two panels. The pierced tubular rasp can be kept inside and is unusually made of silver and not steel. The rasp is held inside by a removable cap which is beautifully engraved with a "Tudor" rose motif. The main body also displays two horizontal raised girdles. This piece is in quite excellent condition and displays a maker's mark on the main body, cover and rasp. John Ruslen was an important silversmith, as he became Prime Warden of the Goldsmith's Company in 1712. This piece is illustrated on page 40 of "Nutmeg Graters, Pomanders and Spice Boxes" by John Reckless. Length: 2.25 inches. Diameter: 0.75 inches.