

A very rare George II Plummet made, almost certainly in London, circa 1735.

Sold



Description

This very rare piece is pear shape in form, with a reeded horizontal girdle going around the lower part of the main body. The domed cover unscrews and displays a swan neck hook at the top. The exterior is beautifully engraved with trellis work and scroll panels interspersed with Rococo shells, on a matted ground, in typical George II fashion. The front is engraved with a contemporary Crest surrounded by an unusual, oval, shell detail cartouche. The cover can be unscrewed and this piece is of a very good gauge and weight. The plummet is in excellent condition, has a height of 4 inches and a diameter, at the widest point, of 2.45 inches. With reference to its weight, it weighs 4.75oz and its original scratch weight is engraved on the base. The Plummet was a rare item of the toilet service, used as a dressing weight or plummet. The Countess of Leinster's Toilet service by David Willaume, 1725, has a pair of hooked flasks which it has been suggested could have been used for fastening stay laces or buttons. As you will appreciate, these are very rare items, which would have been in the grandest services and examples very seldom appear on the market. The quality of design, production and engraving is quite exceptional.