An exceptionally fine early George I Britannia Standard Marriage Drinking Cup made in London in 1716 by William Fleming.

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Description

The Cup is plain in design and has a circular form. This piece is made of a good thick gauge of silver which does not move at all when the sides are squeezed. The interior shows lovely interior hammer marks from when it was raised, which is always a nice original feature to see. The base is very well marked and engraved with a set of marriage initials, so may well have been given for the happy couple to toast their nuptials. This piece is in excellent condition and has a fine colour.William Fleming was a very fine maker of small pieces of hollow ware. He was apprenticed to Nathaniel Lock in 1688, who had specialised in the production of Mugs and drinking vessels. He occupied workshops in Maiden Lane when this piece was made. Grimwade emphasises that "His mark is frequently found on well executed small pieces of hollow-ware such as cream jugs, saucepans, dredgers and miniature porringers".Height: 1.8 inches, 4.5 cm.Diameter at the rim: 2.45 inches, 6.13 cmWeight: 3.25oz.

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