



**Christofle Silver-plated Metal Letter Tray, Pre-1935.**

240 EUR



Signature : Christofle

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Silver metal

Length : 30,2 cm

Width : 23,5 cm

Description

In the past, in large households, servants did not hand the mail directly to their employers but placed it on a tray. The model we are offering is very elegant: rectangular, without handles, and richly decorated. In its center, a double-framed oval is left undecorated and appears intended to hold a monogram. The interior of the tray is framed by two thin ribbons similar to those of the central oval. The four corners are adorned with a delicate vine bearing leaves, flowers, and berries. The rim features a raised design of foliage and berries in high relief. This tray is in fine condition despite some silver plating wear on the back and on the raised elements of the rim. These signs of wear and micro-scratches attest to the intense life of this everyday object, which could tell us many secrets! Strangely enough, the tarnished areas

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along the rim lend a certain elegance thanks to its two-tone appearance. It is neither too small nor too large, measuring 30.2 cm in length by 23.5 cm in width. The hallmarks are clearly legible and indicate that this is a fairly old piece: the scales surmounted by four stars, with two branches below, framed by the initials CC, all within an oval inset in a rectangle--is the Christofle hallmark predating 1935, the year the initials CC were replaced by OC for Orfèvrerie Christofle. Also note the presence of the full "Christofle" name, a serial number, and the number 34 within two squares, indicating a significant amount of silver used for the plating... This beautiful object is sure to charm you. It is ready to be repurposed for use as a table setting or to take its place in a beautiful display case of precious objects.