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Spanish Folding Horn Cutlery



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Horn

Description

A rare folding travel cutlery set made entirely of horn, featuring a mechanism that combines a spoon, a fork, and a toothpick that fold around a central axis. This piece illustrates the remarkable craftsmanship of Spanish artisans specializing in hornwork at the end of the 19th century. The handle, richly openwork, is finely carved and engraved with geometric patterns, scrolls, and interlacing designs. The quality of the carving, the balance of the proportions, and the seamless integration of the various elements attest to particularly meticulous craftsmanship. Entirely crafted from horn, including the folding parts, this cutlery set stands out for its uniformity and the exceptional richness of its decoration. These multifunctional sets of cutlery accompanied shepherds, travelers, and itinerant artisans.

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Lightweight, sturdy, and compact, they combined in a single object the main utensils needed for daily meals. Today, according to, they constitute a remarkable testament to Spanish pastoral folk art. The heritage value of this type of object is confirmed by the presence of comparable examples in public collections. One example is preserved in the collections of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History (Washington), where it is cataloged as a late 19th-century Spanish folding cutlery set. Another example appears in the official CER.ES - Colecciones en Red database of the Spanish Ministry of Culture, where it is classified under the "Pastoral Art" category, confirming the ethnographic roots of this craft. This particular example stands out for being made entirely of horn--with the exception of the hinge pins--for the richness of its engraved and openwork decoration, and for the perfect preservation of its mechanism. Beautiful antique patina. Fully functional folding mechanism. A rare example of Spanish folk art, combining mechanical ingenuity, high-quality craftsmanship, and ethnographic significance.