



Rare Charles II silver gilt cutlery: two sets, each comprising a knife, fork and spoon, circa 1680

£2,450



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Height: 11.4 cm (4.5")

Description

Each knife with cannon handle engraved with panels of feathered lozenges and a single flowerhead to cap, both with iron blade, one with cutler's mark, probably Ephraim How, the other replaced and marked by Garrard, circa 1850, with Royal 'VR' cypher, one knife with a crowned 'T T' maker's mark, possibly for Thomas Townley, London. Both forks and spoons with trifid ends, finely engraved foliage and mask to front of stem, similar engraving and vacant oval cartouche to reverse. Each spoon again with mark of 'T T', (6).

Literature: for a virtually identical knife, fork and spoon see 'British Cutlery: An Illustrated History of Design, Evolution and Use' (2001), p. 95, fig. 58.

Length of knife 11.4cm; fork 9.9cm; spoon 10.2cm.