Hester Bateman. An extremely rare George III Pocket Nutmeg Grater made in London in 1788 by Hester Bateman.

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Description

This very rare piece is oval in form with a top and bottom opening.  The hinged cover is engraved with an outer band of bright cut motifs in addition to an eye shaped bright cut cartouche containing a contemporary Crest .  This piece has protruding reeded bands at both the base and the cover and a steel pierced grater.  The bottom section is also hinged and this is where the nutmeg would have been stored.  This example is fully marked on the exterior of the bottom opening, with a good maker's mark and sterling mark on the inside of the cover and, unusually, with a sterling mark on the side.  As you will appreciate, it was very fashionable during the 18th century to grate nutmeg onto your food and into your drinks and the aristocracy and wealthy would have had the finest silver graters.Length: 1.75 inches, 4.38 cm.Width: 1.1 inches, 2.75 cm.Height: 1.1 inches, 2.75 cm.


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