PAUL STORR. A very rare & important George III Silver gilt ice cream service made in london in 1817 by paul storr.

£6,500



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Description

The set is modelled in the very rare Coburg pattern, which was designed for Rundell, Bridge & Rundell in about 1810. This rare pattern was made by Paul Storr, the greatest of all British silversmiths, and is perhaps the pattern for which he is best known. The set comprises of a large Ice spade and six large Ice Cream Spoons. Each piece is double struck, has a waisted bowl, is very well marked and engraved with a contemporary Crest. The set is of an exceptional weight and gauge and is in excellent condition. Dessert was eaten in England with silver gilt flatware during the Georgian period and ice cream was made from the reign of Queen Anne, the ice being stored during the Summer deep under ground in ice houses. The oldest ice house in England is thought to be one in Green Park, London, made for Charles II. Ice Cream was an expensive luxury at this date and sets are extremely rare, especially by Paul Storr and in the Coburg pattern. A near identical set was included in the famous Simone & Alan Hartman Collection of Regency Silver which was sold in the 1999 Christies's sale of their collection, realising $10,925.

Length of the ice spade: 11.25 inches.
Length of the ice cream spoons: 7 inches.
Total Weight: 21oz, the set.

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