George I Sterling Silver Marrow Scoop. London 1725.

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Description

GEORGE I sterling silver marrow scoop with an interesting story.
Makers mark indistinct. London 1725.

ARMS: Osborn impaling Byng for the Hon Mrs (Sarah) Osborn (1693-1775). Daughter of the eminent naval officer, George Byng, 1st Viscount Torrington and wife of John Osborn, 2nd. Bt. of Quicksands Priory, Bedfordshire.

Mrs Osborn was the sister of Admiral John Byng who was controversially court-martialled and executed by firing squad aboard HMS Monarch in the Solent on 14 March 1757 after the battle and fall of Minorca.
This event was satirised by Voltaire in his novel Candide in which he witnesses an execution in Portsmouth and is told that in this country it is good to kill an admiral from time to time in order to encourage the others. (Dans ce pays-ci, il est bon de tuer de temps en temps un amiral pour encourager les autres).

Apart from their original use of extracting the marrow from bones, marrow scoops today make extremely good tools for scooping sauces, such a chutney etc., from deep receptacles.

Length: 8.00 inches (20.32 cm)
Weight: 1.20 Troy Ounces (37.32 grams)

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