

from appraisal of
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Sterling Silver Loving Cup Trophy - Dining Room

A late 19th Century Georgian style sterling silver loving cup trophy, sold by Crichton Bros., New York and London, made by "JP", London, 1895, of typical form with domed, stepped-down top, swirl finial, fluted and gadrooned border surround, the cup with cast foliate and curviate design handles, with the body, simple above, deep fluted lower section, stepped-down fluted and gadrooned base.

Inscribed on front:

*Piping Rock Subscription Cup
For two-year-olds
Presented by the Glen Arden Hunt
Five and a half furlongs
United Hunts Racing Association Meeting
Belmont Park Terminal
Oct. 25, 1913
Won by
"Piping Hot"*

15 1/2" h. x 8" d.; 14" w. (overall)

78 oz.

8500

Provenance: Originally won by Mr. William R. Coe's horse, *Piping Hot*, and placed on prominent display in living room of Coe Hall.

Comparable: Sotheby's, *Important Americana, Prints, Porcelain, Silver*, January, 1999, Lot # 59A, a silver two-handled vase, Tiffany & Co., New York, c.1900-02, with ovoid body, circular foot, loop handles, 81 oz.; **Sold, \$5750, or \$71 per ounce.**

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In checking the silver sales of the last few years, the important silver loving cups - trophies were mostly made by Gorham, Martelé, and quite ornate. These examples would not be the proper Comparable for the Appraised, since Martelé silver by Gorham was handmade, and in a class by itself.

However, there were a few loving cups - vases made by Tiffany that would be a fairly close Comparable to the Appraised. The Appraised was retailed by Crichton Bros., a prestigious English retail silver establishment, highly regarded, as was Tiffany, at the same period, c.1900.

Although the Comparable has two handles, as does the Appraised, it is not covered, as the loving cup trophy is. However, since the form of the Comparable is fairly simple and classic in style, I have used it in helping to evaluate the Appraised.

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The Comparable, at 81 oz., sold for \$5750, or \$71/oz. However, I have valued the Appraised at \$109/oz. or approximately 50% more. The reason for the increased valuation is based solely on the fact that this item originally belonged to Mr. William R. Coe, and was well-placed, in prominent view in the living room of Coe Hall, during Mr. Coe's lifetime. The trophy also appears in photographs of the period.

Having such an item returned to its original place of honor more than justifies the increase in valuation.