

## **Rare 1902 Gorham Antique Silver Gravy Boat**

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*A rare Gorham piece from 1902 is a collector's dream. It is available for showing at Nelson and Nelson Antiques in New York.*

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Well documented in L.J. Pristo's book on Martele, this Gravy Boat with Tray is a collector's dream. The Gravy Boat and Tray are fully hallmarked on the underside of each piece with the Gorham Martele mark, and 950-1000 fine indicative of the higher than 925 sterling standard of silver: and BRN, on the underside of the bracket foot on each piece, for the Gorham code indicating that the pieces were made in 1902.

On page 278 of L..J. Pristo's book, the gravy boat and tray are listed as having been made as part of a four-piece set consisting of a Tureen, Gravy Boat with Tray and a Vegetable dish. The Gravy Boat and Tray are documented as having been completed on May 23, 1902. This set is entirely hand made and chased, as are all Martele pieces.

The gravy boat and undertray are decorated with irises and buttercups with stylized foliage. The Gravy Boat has bracket form feet decorated with four stylized undulating mask heads. Due to the level of documentation of this set, it would be a welcomed addition to any Martele collection.

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