

American sterling silver rattle teething ring

£165



Description

An Art Nouveau-style American sterling silver and mother-of-pearl baby's rattle and teether by Webster Company, North Attleboro, Massachusetts, circa.1920.

The Webster Company of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, was founded in 1869 by George K. Webster, initially producing plated and gold-front goods before specialising in sterling silver. After Webster's death in 1894, the business became known as the Webster Company and developed a strong reputation for well-made domestic and decorative silver. Its output included hollowware, dressing-table accessories, picture frames, napkin rings, baby items, cigarette holders and small novelties.

At its height, the firm employed several hundred workers in a large North Attleboro factory. In 1950 Webster became a subsidiary of Reed & Barton, continuing its long tradition of American silversmithing excellence.