

# great service

Hotel silver that rates four stars

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**COLLECTORS:** Lisa and Dan Worden.

**WHAT THEY COLLECT:** Vintage hotel silver, circa 1880 to 1950. The quadruple-plated serving pieces and flatware used in four-star hotel dining rooms (e.g., the Waldorf-Astoria), ocean liners, and yacht clubs often sport a monogram or crest.

**WHERE THEY FIND IT:** Flea markets, estate sales, and Ebay.

**THE ALLURE:** "People want to have a piece from the Plaza, the Statler, or

the Gotham because that is where their parents spent their honeymoon, or it is a hotel that they visited once," Lisa says.

**CLAIM TO FAME:** The Wordens' pieces have appeared in books, movies, and Martha Stewart publications.

**THE PRICE OF NOSTALGIA:** \$28 for a Midday Club (in Chicago) creamer; \$750 for a Commodore Hotel (New York City) champagne bucket.

**THE EN VOGUE FACTOR:** Bergdorf Goodman sells vintage silver, and Ralph Lauren has a reproduction collection.

**WHERE TO BUY IT:** The Wordens sell pieces they don't use at home at No. 63 in Lambertville, 609.397.2121.

