

Asprey & Co. Art nouveau silver strut mirror



This item was sold at an auction sale in Corsham in 2023.

It was described as follows:

'Asprey & Co. Art Nouveau silver strut mirror, the bevelled glass within a frame of stylised flowers and a cartouche monogrammed ES, Birmingham 1902. 9.5" wide, 11.5" high – sold with a newspaper cutting stating the frame was bought at an auction of the Smyth estate of Ashton Court in 2006.'

It seems likely that several pieces of information have been conflated.

Over the last few decades there have been many antique fairs at Ashton Court; we know that the Smyth Estate was sold off in 1947 but a mirror of this description does not appear in the sale catalogue; the initials E.S. could be Emily Smyth or Esme Smyth; both Emily who dies in 1914 and Esme who dies in 1946 made bequests of small personal items, such as a mirror like this, to servants and family members.

Current location unknown.