

A Collection of Antiquities

The Windsor Plate

CASE No. 1

- 1.—SALTCELLAR AND COVER. The original, of silver-gilt, the gift of Walter Hill, is the property of New College, Oxford. The stem, hour-glass in shape with repoussé ornament, gadroons, and circlets of pierced cresting. The pyramidal cover with crocketed ribs supports a finial; glass gilt in an imbricated pattern filling the interspaces. *English*. 1493. H. $14\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $5\frac{1}{8}$ in.
- 2.—SALTCELLAR. "The Huntsman Salt." The original, of crystal with glass cover, mounted in silver-gilt, and colored, the gift of the founder, Henry Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury, is the property of All Souls' College, Oxford. The salt rests on the head of a huntsman, standing on a base covered with small figures of animals; round the base is a battlement with turrets. The cover is surmounted by a finial in the form of an artichoke. *English*. 15th century. H. $17\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $5\frac{1}{4}$ in.
- 3.—CUP AND COVER. The original, of silver-gilt, the gift of Sir Thomas Leigh, is the property of the Mercers' Company. The foot has a pierced trefoil rim, the bowl is decorated with crossed bands and rosettes, inclosing panels of maidens' heads and flagons, the badges of the Company. Inscriptions on bands of blue enamel surround the cup and cover. The cover bears the arms of the City and of the Company, surmounted by a maiden seated with a unicorn reclining in her lap, and the word "Desyer" on its side. *English*. Hall mark 1499-1500. H. 16 in., diam. $6\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- 4.—SALTCELLAR. The original, of silver parcel-gilt, is the property of the Ironmongers' Company. Hour-glass shape with six foiled sides, three of which are engraved with foliage. *English*. 1522? H. $5\frac{3}{8}$ in., diam. $3\frac{5}{8}$ in.
- 5.—VASE AND COVER. The original, of silver-gilt repoussé, is the property of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Chased and engraved with floriated ornament and dolphins on the cover. *English*. Hall mark, 1533. H. 7 in., diam. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- 6.—SALTCELLAR AND COVER. The original, of silver-gilt, repoussé and engraved, is the property of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. The bowl has cartouches, with central bosses and engraved foliated scroll-work; the lid, similarly ornamented, is surmounted with a figure with staff and shield. *English*. Hall mark, 1554. H. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., diam. $4\frac{7}{8}$ in.
- 7.—MAZER. The original, mounted in silver-gilt as a cup, is the property of All Soul's College, Oxford. The stem is ornamented with