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**Hamilton's & Co.**

## **An Exceptionally Large Indian Centrepiece Silver**

Calcutta, circa 1925

Maker's mark of Hamilton's & Co.

Length across handles: 68 cm, 26  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

Weight: 9079 g, 291 oz 17 dwt.

Of shaped oval form on a pedestal foot edged with nets and ribbons. The body stamped with large gadroons and engraved to the front "CALCUTTA RACES 1926-1927 THE BURDWAN BOWL". Two angular handles either side finished cast fuchsias on a black wooden base.

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closure in 1973.

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