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**SILVER VESSEL (Date circa 1730).
BELONGING TO MAJOR-GENERAL SOTHEBY.**
(See page 22.)

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PREFACE.

THIS little book is intended to be a companion work to the Handbooks on English and Foreign Hall Marks on Gold and Silver Plate.

The late Mr. W. Chaffers' "L'Orfèvrerie Française" forms the foundation of this work ; but only that portion of it which may be considered useful to a collector of French plate has been reproduced here, and has been carefully revised.

The quantity of old French silver plate still in existence is not large ; but a certain amount still remains, which is eagerly sought for by collectors for its beautiful workmanship and elegant design.

Our thanks are due to General Sotheby for permission to reproduce as a frontispiece for this work an elegant little silver vessel, purchased by him some years ago at Paris.

In consequence of certain dates and marks having been taken from Mr. Cripps' "Old French Plate" without his permission, a few leaves of this book were, at Mr. Cripps' request, withdrawn. The remainder of the work was given by Mr. W. D. Reeves to the writer, who has added other matter in these pages, in order to complete the book.

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