



## Thorton & Downer, Attributed. An Arts and Crafts Cotswold School Hand-Wrought Steel Toasting Fork

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**£550**

<b>MAKER</b>	Thorten and Downer
<b>PERIOD</b>	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1900-1909
<b>YEAR</b>	1900
<b>STYLE</b>	Arts and Crafts
<b>ORIGIN</b>	United Kingdom
<b>MATERIALS</b>	Wrought Iron
<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	H: 20.08 in (51 cm)   W: 2.36 in (6 cm)   D: 0.39 in (1 cm)
<b>CONDITION</b>	Good

### About this piece

An Arts and Crafts **hand-wrought steel toasting fork** attributed to **Thorton & Downer (active c.1900s)**, associated with the Cotswold School. The long shaft is forged with a tight **twist** above a knopped collar, terminating in a **three-tine head** for hearth use. The handle is shaped into a flat panel with punched and incised geometric detail and a forged **scroll finial** that provides a comfortable grip and a point for hanging by the fire. The disciplined symmetry, honest hammer work and absence of superfluous decoration embody the movement's belief in expressive metalwork made by hand, where structure and ornament arise directly from the techniques of heating, drawing, twisting and riveting.