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MURRLE BENNETT & CO.

Four-Leaf Clover Brooch

Silver & green enamel · Stamped 950 · c. 1900–1910

Around 1900, a new style swept Europe. In Germany it was called Jugendstil, “youth style”; in England and France, Art Nouveau. Jewelers turned from heavy ornament to clean lines and shapes drawn from nature.

Murrle, Bennett & Co., founded in London in 1884, became one of its best-known names. Much of their jewelry was made in Pforzheim, Germany, and sold through fashionable London shops, Liberty among them.

This brooch bears the maker’s MB Co. monogram and the mark 950, silver finer than sterling. Three enameled clovers line the bar, and a fourth hangs below in its own small diamond.

For centuries, finding a four-leaf clover has been counted a sign of good luck. Pinned on, this one carries that wish wherever it goes, as it has for more than a hundred years.

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