

# 16th - 18 th CENTURIES CUTLERY IN THE COLECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF TRANSILVANIA

## ABSTRACT

The form, number, raw material and utility of cutlery have close relations with diet and table customs, produced by the interaction of nourishment as a vital necessity, hygiene and esthetic requirements of a given epoch. Thus, they constitute an important source of information for the historian, presenting a wide array of details.

After a short presentation of the transformation of table habits throughout the centuries, the paper deals with the evolution of the three basic forms of cutlery (spoon, fork and knife) in the 16 th - 18 th centuries. To the end of illustrate this process, the author selected some of the cutlery from the collections of the National History Museum of Transylvania, representative for both their character of table utensils and, at the same time, artistic artifacts.

## LISTE DER ABBILDUNGEN

- Tafel I:                    *Abb.1:* Tisch mit Übergardinen.Herrad's Landsberg Manuskript, XII Jh.(nach Vilet Le Duc)  
                                  *Abb.2:* Stikerei; MNIT, Inventar nr.F.6077
- Tafel II:                    *Abb.1:* Löffel; MNIT, Inventar nr. F.3585  
                                  *Abb.2:* Löffel; MNIT, Inventar nr. F.3589

- Tafel III: *Abb.1:* Der Löffel aus Tolna, Ungarn  
*Abb.2:* Löffel; MNIT, Das Nationale Kunstmuseum, Bukarest, Inventar M.424
- Tafel IV: Löffel; MNIT, Inventar nr. F.3583 - *Abb.1:*Vorderseite; - *Abb.2:* Kehreite
- Tafel V: Löffel; MNIT, Inventar nr. F.3586 - *Abb.1:* Vorderseite; - *Abb.2:* Kehrseite
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- Tafel VII: Löffel; MNIT, Inventar nr. F.3587 - *Abb.1:* Vorderseite; - *Abb.2:* Kehrseite
- Tafel VIII: Besteckzeug aus Leder; MNIT Inventar nr. F.4026, a-c
- Tafel IX: Besteckzeug im Kasten; MNIT Inventar nr.F.3578
- Tafel X: Gabel und Messer; MNIT Inventar nr. F.6849-F.6850
- Tafel XI: Besteckgarnitur; MNIT, Inventar nr. F.3554-F.3556, F.3563-F.3564
- Tafel XII: *Abb.1:* Salzfaß; MNIT Inventar nr.F.3578  
*Abb.2:* Löffel; MNIT Inventar nr.F.3585 (Detail)  
*Abb.3:* Löffel; MNIT Inventar nr.F.3583 (Detail)  
*Abb.4:* Gabel und Messer; MNIT Inventar nr.F.3576-F.3577 (Detail)