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When it first appeared in 1929, Howard Herschel Cotterell's 'Old Pewter: Its Makers and Marks' was instantly recognized as the definitive work on the subject of English, Scottish, and Irish pewter. Since that date, its reputation has increased. In the words of Carl Jacobs, the pre-eminent authority on pewter in America, 'Cotterell is the leading authority; there are no other books with so many marks. This book includes a short historical introduction, a history of pewter-making, the old pewterers and their touch-plates, secondary marks, collectors difficulties, illustrations and examples of pewter-ware, alphabetical list of pewterers, with illustrations of their marks, and index to devices in

marks. The text is abundantly illustrated with photographic plates picturing a wide variety of objects in old pewter, documents associated with its manufacture, and other items of interest to the collector. The numerous marks illustrated in Chapters VI, VII, and VIII have all been copied with painstaking accuracy. At the end of the volume appear the five London touchplates and the two Edinburgh touchplates, covering the period from about 1640 to 1913.