





### **Silver Bracelets**

1902.18.27

Seller: Purchased from E. A. Coubrousli, Jerusalem, 1902

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On display at the Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East

[\*From the Nile to the Euphrates: Creating the Harvard Semitic Museum\*](#)

Silver bracelets like these are typical of those worn by Palestinian women at the turn of the 20th century. As visual markers of wealth these silver bracelets, as well as other items including headdresses, rings, earrings, and robes, could have been acquired before marriage to demonstrate the woman's social commitment, values, and independence. A source of economic power, her jewelry might be used as payment or as collateral for loans. These bracelets and other pieces of clothing and jewelry were acquired in Jerusalem in 1902 by David Gordon Lyon, the founder of the Harvard Semitic Museum, today known as the Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East.

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