



8. **SILVERSMITHS, 1767.** Because there were few safe places to keep money, wealthy colonists often had their silver coin converted into household silver such as tankards, bowls, teapots and silver tableware. Silver objects could be marked with an owner's name or initials for greater security. The silversmith on the right is pouring molten silver into a crucible, or mold. The smiths on the left are beating out a plate of silver on an anvil.

Above: 1, crucible 2, spoon die 3, flattening hammer 4, calipers (for applying silver leaf) 5, scissors in a silver case (1790) 6, brazer 7, touchmark (maker's mark) of Thauvet Besley, 18th-century New York silversmith 8, silver basting spoon (1750) 9, silver bowl (1736)

