

Porcelain from China, 16th century



During the 16th century, Portugal controlled most Chinese porcelain imports to Western Europe. The porcelain trade was taken over by the Dutch East India Company in the 17th century. This porcelain and silver ewer was based on a Turkish design. Luxury goods such as this were sold in such new luxury shopping centers as London's Royal Exchange and the New Exchange. Linda Levy Peck, *Consuming Splendor: Society and Culture in Seventeenth Century London*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 49.