

The silver collar became a cup

In the middle of the 19th century, the Laestadian revival flourished not only in Sweden but also in Norway and Finland. People gathered in homes, houses of prayer and for large meetings. Soul care with confession and absolution was characteristic of this faith.

Laestadianism advocated a modest lifestyle without boastfulness. Decorating yourself with silver felt wrong. Therefore, silver began to be used in a new way. The silver collar became less common, tin wire embroidery and belts were simplified. In some families, especially in the Lule Sami area, they stopped using silver jewellery. Many took their silver links and bracelets and had them melted down. What became of them? Perhaps they became silver cups, which during this time are becoming more and more common.

The silver collar is back in fashion

In recent decades, the silver collar has started to be used again at Lule Sami weddings. Phebe Fjällström's book "*Lapskt silver*" has a large part in this. Her book highlights silver again and shows that the use of silver has a long tradition.